



**Discover Sunday
Worship Bulletin
September 13, 2026**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

God of blessing, you call us to be one with you and your creation in love, faithfulness, and truth. Help us to carry out the vows we make: to adore you with our whole heart, to live in mutual support of one another, and to love as if your reign has fully arrived. Amen.

PRELUDE

Holy, Holy, Holy

Lani Smith

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 84)

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

My soul longs, indeed it faints, for the courts of the Lord;

my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

† HYMN

“Better is One Day”

See bulletin

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess we bow down before other gods and turn our hearts away from you. Our worship of work and devotion to consumption disorders our love for you and each other. We shout when we should be silent and keep our mouths shut when others need our voices. Forgive us, God, and mend what is broken that we may be one with you. (Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

† GLORY TO GOD

“Glory to God”

Hymnal #582

TIME WITH CHILDREN

SPECIAL MUSIC

Jesus Loves Me
Chancel Bells

arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

† HYMN

“Jesus Loves Me”

Hymnal #188

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:33-37

SERMON

“Check Yes or No”

Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism LORD’S DAY 37

Q101. But may we swear an oath in God’s name if we do it reverently?

A. Yes, when the government demands it, or when necessity requires it, in order to maintain and promote truth and trustworthiness for God’s glory and our neighbor’s good. Such oaths are grounded in God’s Word¹ and were rightly used by the people of God in the Old and New Testaments.²

Q102. May we also swear by saints or other creatures?

A. No. A legitimate oath means calling upon God as the only one who knows my heart to witness to my truthfulness and to punish me if I swear falsely.¹ No creature is worthy of such honor.²

† THE DOXOLOGY

Hymnal #609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

† HYMN

“I Will Come to You”

Hymnal #177

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†BENEDICTION

“Go Now in Peace”

RESPONSE

Go now in peace, go now in peace
May the love of God surround you
Everywhere, everywhere
You may go.

POSTLUDE

Hymn to Joy

I. Van Beethoven

†In body or spirit, please rise.

*Heidelberg Catechism LORD’S DAY 37 Q&A can be found atdiscoverstmark.org/worship.

UPCOMING EVENTS	
September	
13 Discover Sunday	16 Potluck & Program, 5pm & 6pm
14 Prayer Circle, 9:30 am	17 Chair Exercise, 10 am
15 Men’s Bible Study, 7:30 am	18 Friday Bible Study, 9:30 am
16 Wednesday Children’s Activities, 5 pm	20 New Member Exploration Class, 8:50 am
16 Adult Bell & Chancel Choir Practices, 6 & 7 pm	20 Pet Blessing, 3 pm
	23 PW Book Club, 9:30 am

WELCOME TO ST. MARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

We are pleased to have you join us this morning. Your presence enriches both us and this experience of worship together. It is our prayer this will be a time of challenge and encouragement. Wherever you may be on your faith journey, there is a place for you to participate in our life together here at St. Mark.

TO OUR GUESTS: We hope you enjoy your visit today. Whether this is your first visit, or you have been coming to St. Mark and are considering joining the church and you would like to know more about St. Mark, we would be happy to talk with you. For more information, please contact the church office, 636-394-2233.

TO ALL: Listening devices are available from a sound technician in the booth at the back of the sanctuary. Large print bulletins and hymnals are also available upon request from an usher.

Devotional Booklets, *These Days* are available in the lobby at the main entrance.

Flowers for the Sanctuary are donated by Besty and Jack Morgan.

Please be aware that, as St. Mark works to increase safety and security, all doors to the building are locked Sunday morning once worship has begun. Those who arrive late should approach the door at the office entrance and will be admitted by a member of the Security Team.

TO MEMBERS: Please wear your NAMETAG at church. Don't have one? Stop by the church office where you will find a form to fill out in the "Name Badge" mailbox.

WAYS TO GIVE: There are several convenient and easy ways to contribute to St. Mark:

In-person: During Sunday Worship Service

Mail: Please make check out to St. Mark Presbyterian Church and send to St. Mark Presbyterian Church, 601 Claymont Drive, Ballwin, MO 63011

Online: To donate, use the **QR Code** here to be directed to our giving page on discoverstmark.org.



ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT ST. MARK



FRIDAY BIBLE STUDY

The Friday Bible Study group led by Donna Schiro, Parish Associate, is using a study by David Helm called "Daniel - Staying Strong in a Hostile World". The Bible study will temporarily meet at 9:30 am in rooms 17, 18, 19 in the lower level, or via Zoom. This seven-week study will teach us that how Daniel lived and what Daniel saw speaks to us still today. How much can we expect from this life? How can we have the courage to remain faithful in our world today? Come hear the answers to these questions and more!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We have a New Year and a New Book coming for Men's Tuesday Bible Study. We will use NT Wright's, *Mark for Everyone*. It uses the Gospel of Mark as a source of God's active presence in our lives. We will start our study beginning September 15th at 7:30am. All men are welcome! You can purchase the book on Amazon. If you have questions call or email Bruce Cranston.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUTH

YOUTH ACTIVITIES HAVE A NEW DAY AND TIME!

Starting Sun, 9/30 we will meet on Sundays right after church, 11:30 am-1 pm. Lunch will be provided. Come enjoy the fellowship, fun, expand your knowledge, and whatever else we decided to explore."

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school for children PreK – 5th grade takes place during Sunday worship, immediately following the Children's Message.

NURSERY

Nursery Care, for ages 0 – 2 years, is available Sunday mornings from 8:30 am – 11:00 am, except for the first Sunday of the month when the nursery is open but there is no attendant present.

WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES

Midweek Kids Activities, 5:30 – 6:30 pm

SUNDAY SCHOOL SIGN IN!

Use this QR code to sign in for Sunday School. Scan the code to access the attendance form and enter the required information. We ask that you have your student registered before Time With Children so that we can contact you via text in the event that you are needed.



KID WEDNESDAYS AT ST MARK!

Join us on Wednesdays for **ALL IN** with DUDE PERFECT! **Help kids move from hearing about faith to living it.** From Abraham to Timothy, every week combines Bible-centered teaching with Dude Perfect energy—helping kids trust God, follow Jesus, and discover what it means to go all in.

THEN... Beginning on Wednesday, October 28 - December 2nd we will rehearse for our Christmas Program based on the Celeste Clydesdale musical **ANGEL**



ALERT! This will be a Children/Youth Christmas program with choir, bells, narration, youth orchestra and instrumental music all centered around the manger. Our presentation will be held on Sunday, December 6th at 4:00 pm followed by a “cookies & punch” reception!

Both of these excellent programs are available for K-5th graders. Friends and neighbors are welcome! We will provide pizza every Weds. at 5pm for a cost of \$5/student – Wednesday activity night runs from 5:30pm – 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall (room 211 – Preschool entrance).



MISSION AT ST. MARK SEPTEMBER FOOD PANTRY CRITICAL NEEDS

- Sardines,
- Chili
- Cooking Oil, 48 oz or less
- Shampoo, razors, shaving cream
- Laundry detergent, 50 oz or less



All year long, we collect food and hygiene items for Circle of Concern and Isaiah 58. Please place your donations on the Mission table outside the church office.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



PW is collecting for Newborns in Need during the month of September.

Newborns In Need is a charity that specializes in the needs of babies facing health or economic crisis in St. Louis. It is a local and national nonprofit organization.

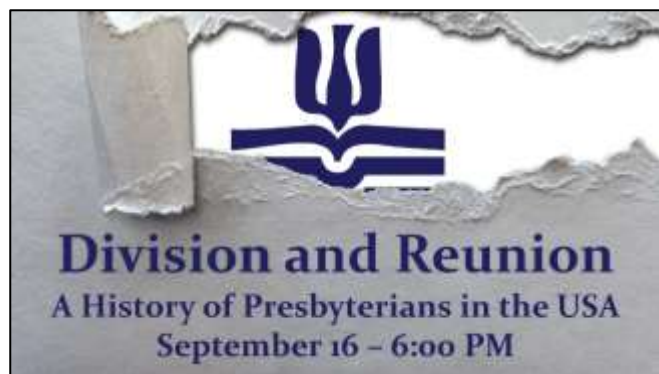
New and gently used baby items such as bibs, booties, burp cloths, hats, onesies, socks, sweaters, and undershirts, sleepers, blankets, baby wash, wipes and diapers are accepted and may be placed in the playpen by the PW table.

Monetary donations are greatly appreciated.

Make checks out to Newborns In Need and ask for a tax receipt. Mail to: **Newborns In Need** c/o Judy Giovanoni, 310 Oxford Ridge Ct., Ellisville, MO 63021. For more information, call Shirley Boeker.

BOOKCLUB

Presbyterian Women's Book Club will meet September 23 to select books for the coming year. Please email suggestions for books you've read along with a synopsis to Judy Richardson prior to the 23rd. There is a virtual option for meeting as well. Contact Judy Richardson for more information



ATTENTION HANDYMEN & DO-IT- YOURSELFERS!

The St. Mark Property Committee is actively seeking volunteers to fill various limited roles on

an "occasional & as needed" basis throughout the year. If you have some DIY skills, please contact a member of the Property Committee to learn more about what this involves and how you might share some of your time and talent with St. Mark.



PCHAS ANNUAL LUNCHEON – October 22nd -- Please join us for this year's Annual Luncheon! This year's annual luncheon in support of Presbyterian Children's Home and Services will be held on Thursday, October 22nd from 12 – 1pm at the Sheraton Westport Chalet. If you'd like to attend with other St. Mark members, please contact Pam Ladley. We'd love to see you there!

Better Is One Day

Words and Music by
Matt Redman

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1. How love - ly is Your dwell - ing place, O Lord al - might -
(2. One) thing I ask and I would seek: To see Your beau -

4 B^{sus} E⁵ B^{sus}
- y. For my soul longs and e - ven faints for You.
- ty, to find You in the place Your glo - ry dwells.

8 E⁵ A²
For here my heart is sat - is - fied with-in Your pres -
One thing I ask and I would seek: To see Your beau -

12 B^{sus} E⁵ B^{sus}
- ence. I sing be - neath the shad - ow of Your wings. _____
- ty, to find You in the place Your glo - ry dwells. _____

16 A² B^{sus}
Bet-ter is one day in Your courts, bet-ter is one day in Your house, bet-ter is
Bet-ter is

19 A² A/C# B^{sus} E/G# A²
one day in Your courts than thou-sands else-where. ____ Bet-ter is one day in Your courts, bet-ter is

22 B^{SUS} A^2 Last time to Coda $\oplus$ 1. B^{SUS}

one day in Your house, bet-ter is one day in Your courts than thou-sands else-where, — than thou-sands

25 E^5 2. B^{SUS} $C\#m^7$ B

else-where. — 2. One else-where. — My heart and flesh cry out

29 A^2 B^{SUS} $C\#m^7$ B A^2 B^{SUS}

for You, the liv - ing God. — Your Spir-it's wa - ter to my soul. —

32 $C\#m^7$ B A^2 $E/G\#$

I've tast-ed and I've seen. Come once a - gain to me. — I will draw near to You,

35 $F\#m^7$ B^{SUS} A^2 B^{SUS} A^2

I will draw near to You, — to You. —

41 B^{SUS} A^2 B^{SUS} $E/G\#$

Bet-ter is one day, — bet-ter is one day, — bet-ter is

44 A^2 $A/C\#$ B^{SUS} A^2

one day — than thou-sands else-where. Bet-ter is one day, — bet-ter is

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess
 Dir. of Children's Ministry: Latisha Gilliland
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 Accompanist & Organist: JeeHye Lee
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 Liturgist: Clay Douglas