



Worship Bulletin
September 20, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

(Pierre Viret, 1511-1571)

“Alas, Lord, we are not worthy that the earth should support us, nor worthy to set our eyes on heaven...But please do not turn thy face from us; look with pity not on us but on thy Son Jesus Christ. Grant that we shall turn to no other God but thee. Grant us to keep thy holy rest by resting from our work, in order to let thee work in us.”

PRELUDE

Joy in God

Richard Blake

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 40)

I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation;

see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord.

I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.

Do not, O Lord, withhold your mercy from me;

let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.

† HYMN

“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”

Hymnal #305

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the Ages, you call us to remember the Sabbath and to keep it holy. We confess we fill our lives with busyness, work, and worry, leaving little room for you. We forget we are your creatures, not our own creators, and our worth does not depend on our accomplishments. Forgive us when we neglect worship, fail to receive the gift of rest, and deny others the freedom of respite as well. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Lord of the Sabbath. (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

† HYMN

“Come into God’s Presence”

Hymnal #413

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 12:1-8

SERMON

“The Rest Is the Story”

Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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† 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 Danced in the Morning”

Hymnal #157

†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

Rigaudon

Gerald Peterson

†In body or spirit, please rise.

September		UPCOMING EVENTS	
20	Membership Exploration Class, 8:50 am	23	Adult Bell & Chancel Choir Practices, 6 & 7 pm
20	Adult Sunday School, 8:50 am	23	PW Book Club, 9:30 am
20	Pet Blessing, 3 pm	24	Chair Exercise, 10 am
21	Prayer Circle, 9:30 am	26	Mound Ridge Trivia, 4 pm
22	Men’s Bible Study, 7:30 am	30	Youth Group, 11:30 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 The flowers in the Sanctuary are donated by Nancy Dunn in memory of Richard Dunn and Julie McCord.

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.



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

"What does the Lord require of you?"

"... to do justice and to love kindness and walk humbly with your God." – Micah 6:8

In the 8th century before Christ, the humble prophet Micah was deeply in touch with the plight of the people. He envisioned a world where everyone would be free to live into the fullness of the life God intended. Yet the society and the culture in Micah's day did not match his visions of God's reign — there was no justice, kindness or humble living.

The Peace and Global Witness Offering has been restructured. This year marks the first time congregations across the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) are invited to participate in the World Communion Offering. Through this new Offering, we join with other congregations in supporting the wider church in the work of racial justice, gender justice, peacemaking, global witness, and ecumenical and interfaith relations. In a world that often feels divided, this Offering helps us remember that we belong to one another, even to people we may never meet.

Participate by placing your donation in the envelope you receive in your monthly packet or simply make out a check to St. Mark Presbyterian Church, noting that it is for the World Communion Offering.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MIKE VROMAN

Mike was honored on Saturday, September 19 for his service to St. Mark and the Presbytery during the Celebration of Serving Program at Webster Groves Presbyterian Church. The Celebration of Serving seeks to honor amazing examples of service in churches of the Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery. We are truly grateful for Mike's dedication as a faithful volunteer at St. Mark.

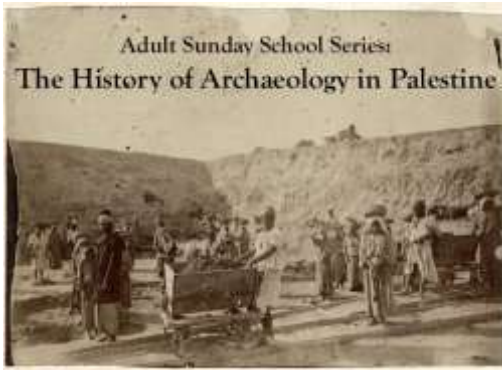
ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT ST. MARK



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Please join the Adult Sunday School Class beginning on Sunday, Sept. 20th as we dig in to the history of Archaeological investigation in the Holy Land,

led by John Northrip and based on the acclaimed video series he helped create in the 1990's, "The History of Palestinian Archeology."



"Four tapes provide an excellent overview of the history of archaeology in the Holy Land. *The History of Palestinian Archaeology*. 1991. A four-part video series produced by AAI/Our Gang with research by Jeffrey Blakely." - Archaeology Magazine, July/August 1996

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.

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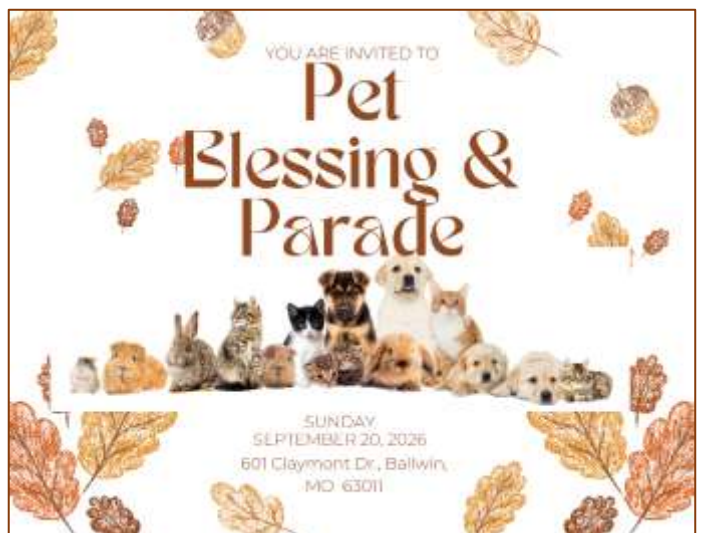
Nursery Care, for ages 0 – 2 years, is available Sunday mornings from 8:30 am – 11:00 am, except for the first Sunday of the month when the nursery is open but there is no attendant present.

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!

Wednesday night activities for grades K – 5th will be changing to once a month on Potluck Wednesday from 5:30 – 6:30 pm. Bring the whole family to potluck and then enjoy fun games and activities based on “Family Night Tool Chest – Christian Character Qualities.”



Children and Youth Christmas Program- “Angel Alert” will begin (15 minute) practices today after Sunday School in Fellowship Hall. PreK – 5th and 6th grade – 12 are welcome! A sign-up sheet will be available and a schedule of the remaining rehearsals until December 6th presentation.

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

BOOK CLUB

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



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.



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!

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1. Titus 1:5 – "I left you behind in Crete for this reason, so that you should put in order what remained to be done and should appoint elders in every town, as I directed you:"

1 Tim. 3[:1] – "The saying is sure: whoever aspires to the office of bishop desires a noble task."

1 Tim. 4:13 – "Until I arrive, give attention to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching."

1 Tim. 5:17 – "Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching,"

1 Cor. 9:11 – "If we have sown spiritual things among you, is it too much if we harvest material things?"

1 Cor. 13–14

2 Tim. 2:2 – "and what you have heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well."

2 Tim. 3:15 – "and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus."

2. Ps. 68:27 – "There is Benjamin, the least of them, in the lead, the princes of Judah in a body, the princes of Zebulun, the princes of Naphtali."

Ps. 40:10–11 – "I have not hidden your saving help within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation. Do not, O Lord, withhold your mercy from me; let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever."

Acts [2]:42 – "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

Acts 2:46 – “Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts,”

3. I Cor. 14:19 – “nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind, in order to instruct others also, than ten thousand words in a tongue.”

I Cor. 14:29 – “Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others weigh what is said.”

I Cor. 14:31 – “For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all be encouraged”

4. I Cor. 11:33 – “So then, my brothers and sisters, when you come together to eat, wait for one another.”

5. I Tim. 2:1–3 – “First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and acceptable before God our Savior,”

I Tim. 2:8–9 – “I desire, then, that in every place the men should pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or argument, also that the women should dress themselves in moderate clothing with reverence and self-control, not with their hair braided or with gold, pearls, or expensive clothes,”

I Cor. 14:16 – “Otherwise, if you say a blessing with the spirit, how can anyone in the position of an outsider say the ‘Amen’ to your thanksgiving, since the outsider does not know what you are saying?”

6. I Cor. 16:2 – “On the first day of every week, each of you is to put aside and save whatever extra you earn, so that collections need not be taken when I come.”

7. Isa. 66:23 – “From new moon to new moon and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, says the Lord.”

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