



Worship Bulletin
September 6, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

Thomas Chalmers (1780-1847)

Teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. Lighten, if it be your will, the pressure of this world's care, and, above all, reconcile us to your will, and give us a peace which the world cannot take away; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Douglas E. Wagner

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 141)

I call upon you, O Lord; come quickly to me;

give ear to my voice when I call to you.

Let my prayer be counted as incense before you

and the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice.

Set a guard over my mouth, O Lord;

keep watch over the door to my lips.

Let us worship our God with our voices and our lives.

† HYMN

“God of Great and God of Small”

Hymnal #19

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, before a word is on our tongues, you know it completely. We know this, but we still speak all manner of evil against you, our neighbors, and ourselves. We revel in gossip, are comfortable with lies, and make oaths we never intend to keep. Forgive us for these many sins, and restore us to your presence and purpose. May our lips sing your glory and our whole lives glorify your name. We continue to pray this in Jesus' name. (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

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

Hymnal #451

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 15:1-11

SERMON

“Cussing, Fussing, and a Few Swear Words”

Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism LORD'S DAY 36

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OFFERTORY

As We Break the Bread
Chancel Choir

Jay Althouse

† **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!**

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer
Words of Institution
Sharing of the Bread & Cup
Prayer After Communion

† **HYMN**

"Though I May Speak"

Hymnal #693

† **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

† **BENEDICTION
RESPONSE**

"I Saw The Light"

**I saw the light, I saw the light
No more darkness, no more night
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord, I saw the light**

POSTLUDE

I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing

Anthony Glamanco

† In body or spirit, please rise

UPCOMING EVENTS

September

6 Adult Sunday School, 8:50 am

7 The church office is closed for the Labor Day holiday

8 Go Getter Lunch, 12 pm

9 Block Party Kickoff For Wednesday Children's Activities, 5 pm

9 Adult Bell & Chancel Choir Practices, 6 & 7 pm

10 Chair Exercise, 10 am

11 Friday Bible Study, 9:30 am

12 Presbyterian Women Brunch, 10 am

13 Discover Sunday

20 New Member Exploration Class, 8:50 am

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 Chuck & Patty Livesay in memory of Patty's parents, Flo and Randy Warfield.

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:

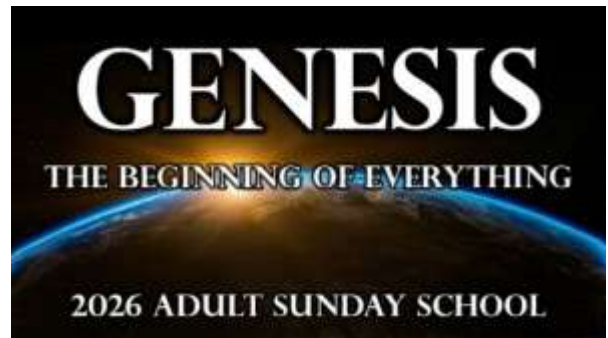
In-person: During Sunday Worship Service

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



Sundays at 8:50 am



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 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!



Coming September 9th! You're invited to our Kick-off party 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 for (5 weeks), Wednesday, September 9th through October 14th.

THEN....! Beginning on Wednesday, October 28 through

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 p.m. 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 AUGUST 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.

EQUAL EXCHANGE IN THE NARTHEX ON SEPTEMBER 13

Cash, Credit, Debit, Mobile Payments Accepted.

Spotlight on Walnuts:

NEW! These wholesome walnuts are delicious, organic, and raw—great for snacking and baking! They are harvested from Burroughs Family Farms, a certified Regenerative Organic and fifth generation family farm located in the northern San Joaquin Valley. These walnuts are cultivated with care to nourish both people and the planet, using organic farming practices to ensure healthy soils, thriving ecosystems, and nutrient-dense food. *Cash, Credit, Debit, Mobile Payments Accepted*



Please note that price on coffee has increased due to impacts from tariffs, increased shipping costs, increased input costs (like fertilizers), and increased climate-related problems—like rains and droughts—during times that, for generations in these farming communities, have not been the norm. Thank you for your continued support.



WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

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.



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.

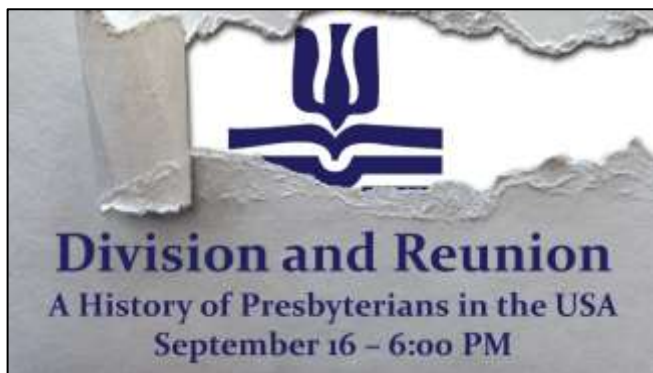
New and gently used baby items such as bibs, booties, burp cloths, hats, onesies, socks, sweaters, and undershirts, sleepers, blankets, baby wash, wipes and diapers are accepted and may be placed in the playpen by the PW table.

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.





Practice is on Wednesdays at 7 pm!





TROOP 631

FALL MUM SALE

Use the QR Code to order 9.5" potted monster mums for \$15 each.
A variety of colors are available.



Pick up on Saturday, Sept. 12,
10 AM - 1 PM, St. Mark Presbyterian Church
Parking Lot.



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!

2ND ANNUAL

MOUND RIDGE

TRIVIA

Night!

SATURDAY 9/26/26

ST. MARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
601 Claymont Dr, Ballwin, MO 63011

DOORS OPEN AT 3:00 PM

TRIVIA 4-7 PM

Family-friendly
CHILDREN WELCOME

REGISTER HERE!



Light refreshments **PROVIDED**
Outside food and drink welcome. (no alcohol)

Bring your **KNOWLEDGE, FRIENDS & TEAM SPIRIT!**

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1. Lev. 24:11 [-16] – “The Israelite woman’s son blasphemed the Name in a curse. And they brought him to Moses—now his mother’s name was Shelomith daughter of Dibri, of the tribe of Dan.”

Lev. 19:12 – “And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the Lord.”

2. Matt. 5:37 – “Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

James 5:12 – “Above all, brothers and sisters, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your “Yes” be yes and your “No” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.”

3. Isa. 45:23 – “By myself I have sworn; from my mouth has gone forth in righteousness a word that shall not return: ‘To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.’

4. Matt. 10:32 – “Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven,”

5. 1 Tim. 2:8 – “I desire, then, that in every place the men should pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or argument,”

6. Rom. 2:24 – “For, as it is written, ‘The name of God is blasphemed among the gentiles because of you.’”

1 Tim. 6:1 – “Let all who are under the yoke of slavery regard their masters as worthy of all honor, so that the name of God and the teaching may not be blasphemed.”

Col. 3:16 – “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.”

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2. Lev. 24:15–16 – “And speak to the Israelites, saying: Anyone who curses God shall incur guilt. One who blasphemes the name of the Lord shall be put to death; the whole congregation shall stone the blasphemer. Aliens as well as the native-born, when they blaspheme the Name, shall be put to death.”

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Dir. Of Claymont Preschool: Emily Ulmer



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Accompanist & Organist: JeeHye Lee
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Liturgist: Cay Noble