



Worship Bulletin
October 11, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

Dear God, when we have wandered, and when we are lost, we pray that you would find us and help us find our way home. When we cannot quench our thirst, when we want that which is harmful to ourselves or others, satisfy us with your love and grace. When we need forgiveness, shower us with your unending mercy. Receive this prayer, and the silent prayers of our hearts.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord, we sit before You in stillness.

We consent to Your presence and action within us.

Where our hearts have wandered, gather them back to You.

Where desire has been disordered, purify it with Your love.

Where betrayal, secrecy, or temptation linger, let Your light dissolve them.

You alone are our center; You alone make our hearts whole.

Heal every place within us that seeks fulfillment apart from You.

Restore fidelity, integrity, and truth in our thoughts, intentions, and relationships.

In Your quiet presence, form in all of us a heart that loves as You love.

† HYMN

“The Church’s One Foundation”

Hymnal #321

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, help us. When we have run away, when we have turned our backs on love, when we have sought immediate satisfaction and not long-term healing, help us. Merciful God, forgive us. When we have been selfish, when we have been mean, when we have closed our ears to the cries of others, forgive us. Powerful God, heal us. When we are so broken we cannot move, when we don’t know how to stop the bleeding of our wounds, when we are too ashamed to seek community, heal us. Give us the courage, the strength, and the hope to accept your grace and hear your call in Christ. (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

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Hymnal #366

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 5:25-32

SERMON

“Guard, Keep and Reflect”

Donna Schiro

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism LORD’S DAY 41*

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OFFERTORY

All Good Gifts

arr. John Leavitt

† **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**

"Take My Life"

Hymnal #697

(Verses 1,2,5, and 6)

COMMISSIONING OF ADULT MISSION TRIP PARTICIPANTS

† **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

† In body or spirit, please rise.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October

11 Adult Sunday School, 8:50 am

11 Youth Group, 11:30 am

11 Congregational Meeting, following worship

12 Prayer Circle, 9:30 am

13 Men's Bible Study, 7:30 am

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

15 Chair Exercise, 10 am

16 Friday Bible Study, 9:30 am

18 Fall Festival, 11:30 am

20 Go Getter Luncheon, 12 pm

21 Potluck & Program, 5 pm

25 Pipes & Pies, during and following worship

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.

Flowers for the Sanctuary are donated by Robyn Mike's in memory of Denny and by Shirley Goff and family in memory of Ron Goff.

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

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.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY

There will be a brief congregational meeting immediately following worship to elect church officers.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT ST. MARK

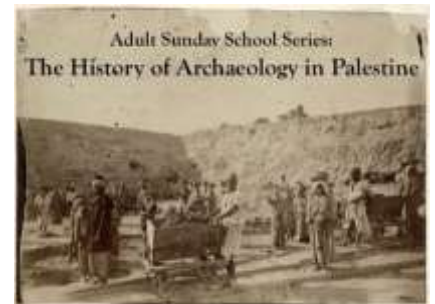
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

All are welcome to attend the Adult Sunday School

Class 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 resume meeting in room 102, 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



CHILDREN AND YOUTH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM- "ANGEL ALERT"

Practice will be held every Sunday, 11:00 - 11:15 am, after Sunday School in Fellowship Hall. PreK – 5th and 6th grade – 12 are welcome! A dress rehearsal will be held on Saturday, December 5, 10 am – 12 pm and the performance is Sunday, December 6 at 4 pm. A sign-up sheet will be available and a schedule of the remaining rehearsals until December 6th presentation.

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.

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 meet once a month from 5:30 – 6:30 pm. Students will enjoy games and activities based on "Family Night Tool Chest – Christian Character Qualities" on the following dates: September 26, October 28, November 18, and December 2.



Join us from 11:15 am – 1:30 pm for food, root beer garden, Good Turn Daily Band, bounce house, pumpkin decorating, balloon artists, and more!

MISSION AT ST. MARK

EQUAL EXCHANGE IN THE NARTHEX ON OCTOBER 11

Cash, Credit, Debit, Mobile Payments Accepted.



NEW! Extreme Earl Gray

Tea takes the bright citrus notes of bergamot to the next level for a more extreme take on our beloved Earl Grey. Add a lemon wedge to enhance your experience. Check out our wide selection of Equal Exchange Teas.

Please note that prices have 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.

OCTOBER FOOD PANTRY CRITICAL NEEDS

- Condiments
- Baking items
- Snacks
- Cereal
- Canned meat



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.



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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

BOOK CLUB

Presbyterian Women's Book Club will meet October 28. There is a virtual option for meeting as well. Please contact Judy Richardson for more information.



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!

Presbyterian Women Circles

Eve Circle - 2nd Friday of the month @ 9:30 am
Contact Laurie Dolson

Hannah Circle - 3rd Thursday of the month @ 7 pm
Contact Julie Northrip

Judith Circle - 3rd Thursday of the month @ 7 pm
Contact Sharon Tharp

Rachel Circle - 3rd Wednesday of the month @ 9:30 am
Contact Susan Peters

Ruth Circle - 3rd Thursday of the month @ 9:30 am
Contact Sharon Cardwell



St. Mark Christmas Boutique & Angel Street Cafe

Unique holiday crafts & gifts, bake sale, homemade soups, salads, and heavenly desserts

Tuesday, Nov. 10, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Wednesday, Nov. 11, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

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Profits are distributed to our mission partners.

FREE ADMISSION



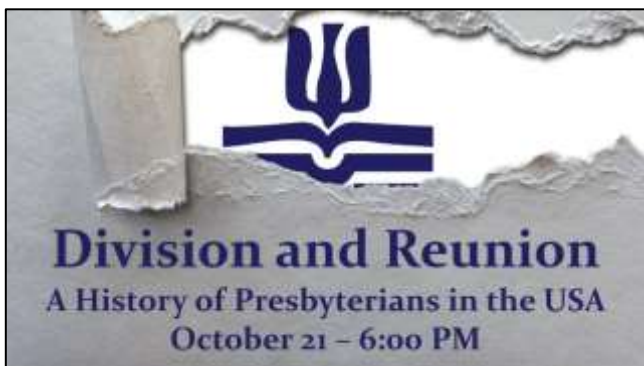
Go Getter Luncheon October 20 at 12 pm

Join us for Lunch at The Hearth Room Cafe,
265 Lamp & Lantern Village.

Please let Judy know of your plans to attend and bring a friend.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Pipes and Pies is scheduled for Sunday, October 25. As in the past, we will celebrate Reformation Sunday with the melodious sounds of bagpipes, and then after worship head out to the narthex for fellowship and tasting delicious pies as we celebrate another year with Dave as lead pastor at St. Mark Presbyterian Church! What's your favorite pie? Is it pumpkin, apple, or maybe coconut cream? Perhaps it's cherry, or even chocolate or key lime pie! We invite the members of the congregation to bring in their favorite pies to share with one another, dropping them off in the kitchen prior to the worship service on 10/25, and the Fellowship Committee will take care of getting everything sliced and plated for all to enjoy!



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1. Lev. 18:27–28 – “(for the inhabitants of the land, who were before you, committed all of these abominations, and the land became defiled); otherwise the land will vomit you out for defiling it, as it vomited out the nation that was before you.”

2. Jude 23 – “save others by snatching them out of the fire; and have mercy on still others with fear, hating even the tunic defiled by their bodies.”

3. 1 Thess. 4:3–5 – “For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each one of you know how to control your own body in holiness and honor, not with lustful passion, like the gentiles who do not know God;”

4. Heb. 13:4 – “Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers.”

1 Cor. 7

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1. Eph. 5:3–4 – “But sexual immorality and impurity of any kind or greed must not even be mentioned among you, as is proper among saints. Entirely out of place is obscene, silly, and vulgar talk; but instead, let there be thanksgiving.”

1 Cor. 6:18–20 – “Shun sexual immorality! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.”

2. Matt. 5:[27–28] – “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”

3. Eph. 5:18 – “Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,”

1 Cor. 15:33 – “Do not be deceived: ‘Bad company ruins good morals.’”

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Dir. of Children's Ministry: Latisha Gilliland
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Liturgist: Linda Smith