



Worship Bulletin
October 18, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

Westminster Divines

O God, who hast so greatly loved us, and mercifully redeemed us; give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves, our wills, and our works, a continual thank offering unto thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE

Festive Voluntary

Robert Lau

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 119

The law of your mouth is better to us than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

Your hands have made and fashioned us;

give us understanding that we may learn your commandments.

We are your servants; give us understanding that we may know your decrees.

It is time for the Lord to act, for your law has been broken.

Truly we love your commandments more than gold, more than fine gold.

Truly we direct our steps by all your precepts; we hate every false way.

Your decrees are wonderful; therefore, our souls keep them.

† HYMN

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

Hymnal #667

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Giving and forgiving God, we know you are the source of all good things and provide everything we need to thrive. We confess we forget your goodness and follow other paths hoping to acquire more. We take when you command us to give, steal when you order us to share, hoard when you tell us to help. Forgive our many sins and write your good news on our hearts so that we might live it with our lives. We continue to pray 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

“Be Thou My Vision”

Hymnal #450

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 7:12

SERMON

“Eighth is Enough”

Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism LORD’S DAY 42

Q110. What does God forbid in the eighth commandment?

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QIII. What does God require of you in this commandment?

A. That I do whatever I can for my neighbor's good, that I treat others as I would like them to treat me,¹ and that I work faithfully so that I may share with those in need.²

OFFERTORY

Will You Come and Follow Me

Scottish traditional melody

† **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**

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Hymnal #306

† **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

† **BENEDICTION**
RESPONSE

"Crying Holy to the Lord"
Good Turn Daily

†In body or spirit, please rise.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October

18 Adult Sunday School, 8:50 am

18 Fall Festival, following worship

19 Prayer Circle, 9:30 am

20 Men's Bible Study, 7:30 am

20 Go Getter Luncheon, 12 pm

21 Potluck & Program, 5 pm

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

22 Chair Exercise, 10 am

23 Friday Bible Study, 9:30 am

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 The flowers in the Sanctuary are donated by Gaspode Powell (Mary Beth's dog) in thanks and appreciation of the adult mission workers who spent the past week at Ferncliff.

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:

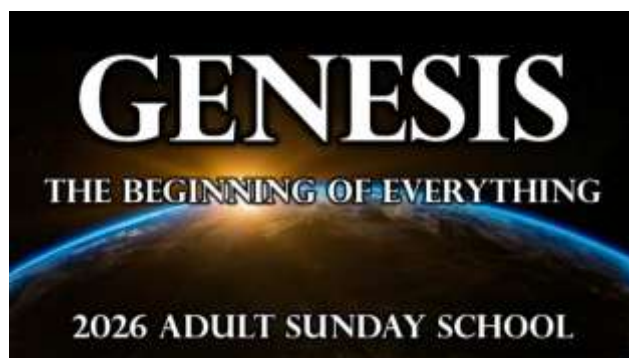
In-person: During Sunday Worship Service

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.



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 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



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.



WEDNESDAY CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES AT ST MARK!

ALSO ON POTLUCK WEDS.!!! All K-5th graders come join us on Wednesday, Oct. 28th from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for Pizza & G.R.O.G night! We will also be making cookies for Isaiah 58 and will be playing this flashlight "hide and seek" game. Friends and families are welcome! For more information, please contact Latisha Gilliland at lgilliland@discoverstmark.org.



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 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.

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.



**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





VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

How you can help with the
Christmas Boutique and the Angel
Street Café, November 10 & 11!

- *Make chicken salad, bean soup, or broccoli soup.
- *Bake specialty desserts or bake a pie of cake for the dessert table.
- *Create a yummy treat for the bake sale.
- *Help with set up after church on Sunday, Nov. 10.
- *Work a shift on Tuesday and/or Wednesday.
- *Help with take down on Wednesday afternoon.
- *Shop 'til you drop!
- *Bring your friends to lunch!
- *Come back for supper



Please join us in making a few crafts for PW table for Christmas boutique. The dates are Tuesday, October 20th, and Tuesday

October 27th at 10 am in room 23 downstairs.



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 Sharp

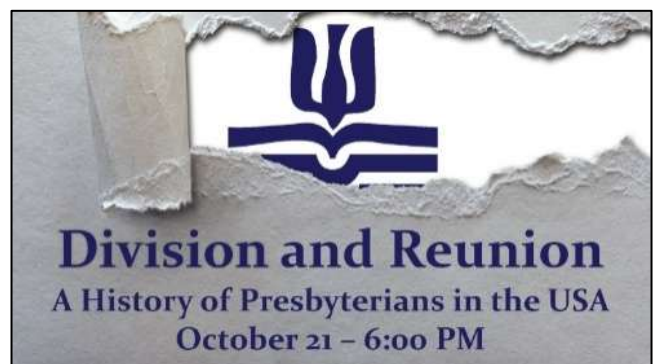
Rachel Circle - 3rd Wednesday of the month @ 9:30 am
Contact Susan Peters

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




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 head pastor at St. Mark Presbyterian Church! We invite members of the congregation to bring in their favorite pies to share with one another.



STEWARDSHIP 2027

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1. 1 Cor. 6:10 – “thieves, the greedy, drunkards, revilers, swindlers—none of these will inherit the kingdom of God.”

2. 1 Cor. 5:10 – “not at all meaning the sexually immoral of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, since you would then need to go out of the world.”

3. Luke 3:14 – “Soldiers also asked him, ‘And we, what should we do?’ He said to them, ‘Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.’”

1 Thess. 4:6 – “that no one wrong or exploit a brother or sister in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, just as we have already told you beforehand and solemnly warned you.”

4. Prov. 11:1 – “A false balance is an abomination to the Lord, but an accurate weight is his delight.”

Prov. 16:11 – “Honest balances and scales are the Lord's; all the weights in the bag are his work.”

5. Ezek. 45:9[–11] – “Thus says the Lord God: Enough, O princes of Israel! Put away violence and oppression, and do what is just and right. Cease your evictions of my people, says the Lord God. You shall have honest balances, an honest ephah, and an honest bath. The ephah and the bath shall be of the same measure, the bath containing one-tenth of a homer and the ephah one-tenth of a homer; the homer shall be the standard measure.”

Deut. 25:13[–16] – “You shall not have in your bag two kinds of weights, large and small. You shall not have in your house two kinds of measures, large and small. You shall have only a full and honest weight; you shall have

only a full and honest measure, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. For all who do such things, all who act dishonestly, are abhorrent to the Lord your God.”

6. Ps. 15:5 – “who do not lend money at interest and do not take a bribe against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be moved.”

Luke 6:35 – “Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.”

7. 1 Cor. 6:10 – “thieves, the greedy, drunkards, revilers, swindlers—none of these will inherit the kingdom of God.”

8. Prov. 5:16 – “Should your springs be scattered abroad, streams of water in the streets?”

Q111. What does God require of you in this commandment?

A. That I do whatever I can for my neighbor's good, that I treat others as I would like them to treat me,¹ and that I work faithfully so that I may share with those in need.²

1. Matt. 7:12 – “In everything do to others as you would have them do to you, for this is the Law and the Prophets.”

2. Eph. 4:28 – “Those who steal must give up stealing; rather, let them labor, doing good work with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy.”

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Good Turn Daily
Liturgist: Cole Lester