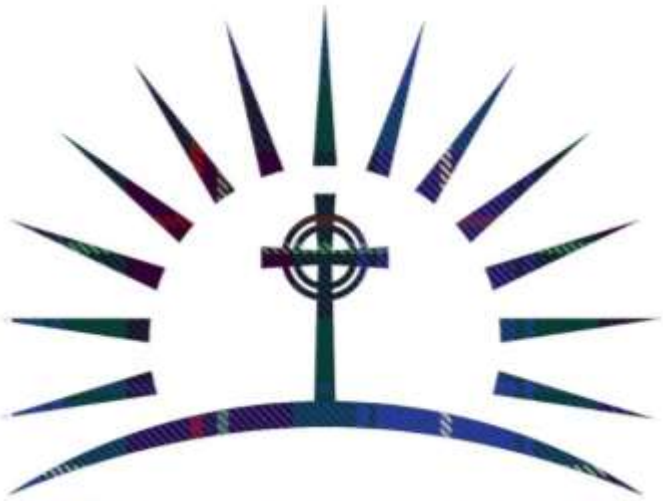


ST. MARK
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PC(USA) · BALLWIN, MO

Reformation Sunday
Worship Bulletin
October 25, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER — Martin Luther

Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it.
I am weak in faith; strengthen thou me.
I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent that my love may go to my neighbor.
I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust thee altogether.
O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in thee.
In thee I have sealed the treasures of all I have. I am poor;
Thou art rich and didst come to be merciful to the poor.
I am a sinner; Thou are upright.
With me, there is an abundance of sin; in thee is the fullness of righteousness.
Therefore, I will remain with thee of who I can receive, but to whom I may not give.
Amen.

PRELUDE — *Scotland the Brave* — Matt Pantaleoni

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP — **Psalm 15**

O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?
Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right and speak the truth from their heart;
who do not slander with their tongue and do no evil to their friends nor heap shame upon their neighbors;
in whose eyes the wicked are despised but who honor those who fear the Lord; who stand by their oath even to their hurt;
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.

† HYMN — **"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"** — **Hymnal #275**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Your holiness, O God, commands that we confess: We have neither loved our neighbors as ourselves nor honored ourselves as your beloved creation. We have judged unjustly, regarded others ungenerously, profited at the losses of those near and distant, borne grudges, desired vengeance, and kept silence in the face of wrongdoing. We long to live in accord with your desire that your way of compassion, kindness, and honesty will govern our hearts and minds, turning us toward lives of peace. Forgive us and lead us. (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 — **"From the Nets of Our Labor"** — **Hymnal #751**
v.1, v.2, Refrain, v.3, v.4., Refrain, v.5, v.6, Refrain

SCRIPTURE — Ephesians 4:25-32

SERMON — "Fear and False Witness" — Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH **Heidelberg Catechism LORD'S DAY 43**

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OFFERTORY I Sing the Mighty Power of God arr. Cynthia Dorbrinsky
Chancel Bells

† 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 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" **Hymnal #687**

† CHARGE AND BLESSING

† BENEDICTION Amazing Grace
RESPONSE Matt Pantaleoni

POSTLUDE *Highland Cathedral* Transcription by James D. Wetherald
Matt Pantaleoni & JeeHye Lee

†In body or spirit, please rise.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October

25 Adult Sunday School, 8:50 am

25 Pipes & Pies Sunday

26 Prayer Circle, 9:30 am

27 Men's Bible Study, 7:30 am

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

29 Chair Exercise, 10 am

30 Friday Bible Study, 9:30 am

November

1 Daylight Savings Time ends

1 All Saints Sunday

10 & 11 PW Christmas Boutique

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 Chuck and Patty Livesay in celebration of their 40th Wedding Anniversary.
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!

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.



THANK YOU, ST. MARK!

A huge "thank you" to our St. Mark family who supported and volunteered to make Fall Festival a great success once again!



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 Isahaih 58. Please place your donations on the Mission table outside the church office.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



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.





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 next date is Tuesday October 27th at 10 am in room 23 downstairs.





You are invited to join the choir in preparing for this year's Christmas Cantata. The choir will rehearse Cantata music Wednesdays at 7pm. The Cantata will take place Sunday, December 13.



STEWARDSHIP 2027



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1. Prov. 19:5 – "A false witness will not go unpunished, and a liar will not escape."

Prov. 19:9 – "A false witness will not go unpunished, and the liar will perish."

Prov. 21:28 – "A false witness will perish, but a good listener will testify successfully."

2. Ps. 15:3 – "who do not slander with their tongue and do no evil to their friends nor heap shame upon their neighbors;"

3. Rom. 1:29–30 – "They were filled with every kind of injustice, evil, covetousness, malice. Full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, craftiness, they are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, rebellious toward parents,"

4. Matt. 7:1[–2] – "Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. For the judgment you give will be the judgment you get, and the measure you give will be the measure you get."

Luke 6:37 – "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven;"

5. Prov. 12:22 – "Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord, but those who act faithfully are his delight."

Prov. 13:5 – "The righteous hate falsehood, but the wicked act shamefully and disgracefully."

6. John 8:44 – "You are from your father the devil, and you choose to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks according to his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies."

7. 1 Cor. 13:6 – "it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth."

Eph. 4:25 – "So then, putting away falsehood, let each of you speak the truth with your neighbor, for we are members of one another."

8. 1 Pet. 4:8 – "Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins.

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