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

Worship Bulletin
November 8, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

Jesus Christ, teach us to pray and to trust the hospitality of God for our daily bread. Our ancestors in the wilderness believed your promise and ate fresh manna every day. Let us likewise be wise, trusting, and open to what you provide for us today. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Bread of Life. Amen.

PRELUDE *Christ, the Sure Foundation* Tom Birchwood

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION

CALL TO WORSHIP **(Psalm 145)**

I will extol you, my God and King
and bless your name forever and ever.
Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.
Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
his greatness is unsearchable.
The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

† HYMN **"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"** **Hymnal #267**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, although we come to church on Sundays, we too often live the rest of the week as though you don't exist. We act as though we created ourselves, with no connection to you, with no hope of transcendence. Open us to your constant presence, Holy One. Teach us to pray, and restore our sight, that we may commune with you each day in the light of eternity. (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 **"Seek Ye First"** **Hymnal #175**

SCRIPTURE Luke 11:5-13

SERMON "Praying On" Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH **Heidelberg Catechism LORD'S DAY 45***

Q116. Why do Christians need to pray?

A. Because prayer is the most important part of the thankfulness God requires of us.[1] And also because God gives his grace and Holy Spirit only to those who pray continually and groan inwardly, asking God for these gifts and thanking God for them.[2]

Q117. What is the kind of prayer that pleases God and that he listens to?

A. First, we must pray from the heart to no other than the one true God, revealed to us in his Word,[1] asking for everything God has commanded us to ask for.[2] Second, we must fully recognize our need and misery,[3] so that we humble ourselves in God's majestic presence.[4] Third, we must rest on this unshakable foundation:[5] even though we do not deserve it, God will surely listen to our prayer because of Christ our Lord.[6] That is what God promised us in his Word.[7]

Q118. What did God command us to pray for?

A. Everything we need, spiritually and physically,[1] as embraced in the prayer Christ our Lord himself taught us.

Q119. What is this prayer?

A. Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one. For the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours forever. Amen.[1]

OFFERTORY — Intrada — John A. Behnke

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

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† HYMN — **"May the God of Hope Go with Us"** — **Hymnal #765**

† 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 — *Joyous Morning* — Gerald Peterson

†In body or spirit, please rise.

***Heidelberg Catechism LORD'S DAY 45 Q&A** can be found at discoverstmark.org/worship.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November

8 Adult Sunday School, 8:50 am

10 Men's Bible Study, 7:30 am

10 & 11 PW Christmas Boutique

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

12 Chair Exercise, 10 am

12 Surviving the Holidays, 6 pm

13 Friday Bible Study, 9:30 am

18 Potluck and Program, 5 pm

22 Giving Thanks Meal, 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.
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.



STEWARDSHIP 2027

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!



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.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We are reading NT Wright's, Mark for Everyone. It uses the Gospel of Mark as a source of God's active presence in our lives. We meet every Tuesday at 7:30am. All men are welcome! You can purchase the book on Amazon. If you have questions call or email Bruce Cranston.

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: November 18, and December 2.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUTH





Come join us on Candy Cane Lane as we journey to the North Pole for breakfast with Santa and his friends on Saturday, December 12 from 9:30 – 11:00 am. Breakfast includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, fruit, juice, coffee and hot chocolate. There will be activities, games, and of course, a story and visit with Santa!

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.

MISSION AT ST. MARK

NOVEMBER FOOD PANTRY CRITICAL NEEDS

- Canned Chicken
- Rice
- Coffee & Hot Chocolate
- Toothpaste
- Dish Soap

All year we collect food and hygiene items for Circle of Concern & Isaiah 58 Ministries. Please place your donations on the mission table outside the church office. *Non-food products cannot be purchased with food stamps.

EQUAL EXCHANGE IN THE NARTHEX ON NOVEMBER 8 & CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE ON NOVEMBER 10

Chocolate is back! Shop our replenished stock of chocolate bars, chocolate chips, and cocoa.

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. *Cash, Credit, Debit, Mobile Payments Accepted.*

APPRECIATION DAY AT LAFAYETTE INDUSTRIES

Lafayette Industries is celebrating 50 years! Lafayette Industries invites its volunteers to an Appreciation Day on November 13th from 9:00-11:00 with an open house that includes tours and refreshments.
Use the QR code to register.



Many people in our region lack enough warm clothing to stay protected throughout winter.
New and gently used clean winter coats and clothing are needed for men, women, and kids, all sizes, and styles. Dog and cat coats are appreciated, too.
Please place donations on the mission table. Isaiah 58 will receive our donations.

THE TRADITION CONTINUES

The Angel Tree will once again be making an appearance in the Narthex. Please select an angel or two to help provide a Merry Christmas for one or more children. The gifts donated will go to Isaiah 58 Ministries. Please return your gift and place it under the tree with the angel attached by December 9.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

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
St. Mark Presbyterian Church
601 Claymont Dr., Ballwin MO 63011

www.discoverstmark.org
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!





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.







GIVING THANKS MEAL

Our annual Giving Thanks dinner will be held right after the worship service on **Sunday, November 22**. The Fellowship Committee will provide "all the fixings" for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner, including turkey, dressing, green bean casserole, sweet potato casserole, mashed potatoes and a salad. All we ask is that you bring in a dessert to share with one another!

During this season when we take a moment to reflect on all our blessings, we ask that you would consider helping our neighbors in need by donating to Circle of Concern and Isiah 58. We will have an extra table in the Narthex on Giving Thanks Sunday where you can drop off one or more food items that are in critical need. These include: cereals, dinner helpers (Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, etc), pasta, pasta sauce and personal care items. Of course, many people have baking traditions during the holiday season, so donations of sugar, flour, baking soda and powder, chocolate chips, and other baking supplies would also be greatly appreciated. Many thanks for all of your generosity throughout the entire year!



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

St. Mark will continue our tradition of beautifying our sanctuary with poinsettias for our Sunday service on December 20 and the Christmas Eve services. Please consider ordering one or more to bring home to your family and friends. The poinsettias may be taken home after the service on the 20th or after the Christmas Eve Service. Order forms can be found by the flower chart on the easel. Please make your check payable to *St. Mark Presbyterian Church and* place the order form and check in the "Drop Box" in the Pastor's Hallway. The deadline for ordering is Sunday, November 29. The cost is $7 per plant. Plants are sourced from a locally owned greenhouse. If you have questions, please contact Mickey McKnight.



The holidays are fast approaching and the hustle and bustle of this happy season will soon begin. For some people, however, this time of year is anything but happy. The holidays have a completely different feeling when you have lost a loved one. Going out to parties, being with people is not what you want to do. Join us for Surviving the Holidays. It is a one-time two-hour session, Thursday, November 12, that will try to help you find the tools to get through the holidays. Please join us. For more information contact Debbie Hames.



In an effort to recognize and support those who are experiencing grief and loss during the holiday season, St. Mark gathers for a worship service that provides a contemplative experience that leaves room for finding hope and healing in the Christmas story. Worshippers will be asked to fill out a paper slip with the name of the loved one they are remembering when they arrive. The slips will be gathered and read during worship. As loved one's names are read out loud, candles are lit in their honor. At the conclusion of the service, everyone will receive a small keepsake in remembrance of this experience. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Schiro dschiro@discoverstmark.org.

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