



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF
KIRKWOOD

WELCOME TO WORSHIP
January 26, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.
The Third Sunday after Epiphany

Mission: We are called to be a welcoming and supportive community whose inspiring worship of God encourages everyone to deepen their faith and to respond to the needs of the world with the compassion of Christ.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

_____ ***Please rise in body or in spirit.** _____

Chiming of the Hour

We encourage you to quiet your minds and hearts for worship at this time.

Welcome and Announcements

Sign the Friendship Register at the end of your pew and pass it to your neighbor.

Organ Voluntary

"Pastorale"

Louis Vierne

WE ADDRESS OURSELVES TO GOD

***Call to Worship**

Leader: The Spirit of God is moving in this place.

People: Filling us with power, love, and grace!

Leader: Jesus calls us to bring good news, to set people free, to open eyes, and to lift up the overlooked.

People: We're here to say yes to that call and to worship the One who gives us purpose!

Leader: We worship the God who sees, loves, and redeems us all.

People: With open hearts and bold faith, we worship together!

*** Processional Hymn**

"God Is Here!"

Hymn #409

***Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

You see us as we are: broken, weary, and burdened by the weight of the world. We confess that we have embraced power that elevates ourselves while ignoring others. We have turned away from those who are hurting, those who are unseen, and those who long for justice. Forgive us for the ways we have failed to love as you love. Renew us with your Spirit, O God. Give us the courage to see, to love, and to serve as Jesus does. Amen

***Silent Confessions**

***Assurance of God's Grace**

***Congregational Response** "The Doxology" Hymn #606

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

***The Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share that peace with one another.

A Conversation with Young Disciples

All children are invited to come forward for the children's message.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Pew Bible, O.T., pg. 436

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem "Come Dwell in Solomon's Walls" Z. Randall Stroope

When the final timber lay 'gainst the measured stones, with the doorposts in their place overlaid with gold. The Lord appeared to Solomon, blessing all the house, the temple of the ark of God, pure and whole. Come dwell in Solomon's walls, come and dwell in the house of the Lord. Where the humble bow down, seeking wisdom and strength, for the Lord dwells within and heals their land.

Come dwell in Solomon's walls, come and dwell in the house of the Lord, where wisdom and righteousness, justice and holiness, join at the feet of God. When the people of this house kneel and humbly pray, when they turn from dark to light and your will obey. O Lord of heaven and Lord of earth, show favor on this house, and heal, restore, forgive, and bless, Lord, we pray. Come dwell in Solomon's walls, come and dwell in the house of the Lord. Where wisdom and righteousness, justice and holiness, join at the feet of God. Come dwell! Come dwell!

Scripture Reading Luke 4:14-21; Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 61

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Power That Turns The World Upside Down*

Rev'd. Gary Noonan

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn** "Be Thou My Vision" Hymn #450

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

**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.**

Offertory Sentences

Offertory Bell Anthem "Amen Siakudumisa" Cathy Moglebust

Prayer of Dedication

WE DEPART TO SERVE THE LORD

***Closing Hymn** "Live Into Hope" Hymn #772

*Benediction

***Choral Response** "God Be In My Head" GW Brown
*God be in my head. God be in my heart. God be in my mind. God be in my soul.
God be in my eyes, so that I may see your face. God be on my lips. God be in my life.*

Organ Voluntary "Prelude and Fugue in C Major" BWV 531 JS Bach

Worship Leaders:

Rev'd. Gary Noonan, *Senior Pastor*
Rev. Linda Maconochie, *Interim Associate Pastor*

Music Ministry:

Kevin Chunko, *Music Associate*; Vix Carmichael, *Visiting Choir Director*;
Bill Wade, *Bell Director*; Chancel Choir; Chancel Ringers;
Timothy Crockett and Teddy Lester-Boal, *Percussion*

Acolyte: Adrienne Butler **Cross Bearer:** Gregor Noonan

Ushers: Julie Jackson, Pam Cooper, Jim Cooper,
Amy Freshwater, Robert Schneider, Larry Erwin

Usher Captain: Art McDonnell

Livestream Host: Frank Darr