



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF
KIRKWOOD

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

November 17, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

The 26th Sunday after Pentecost

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 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" Christa Rakich

WE ADDRESS OURSELVES TO GOD

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Come, friends and strangers, seekers and skeptics, hopeful and hurting.

People: We gather as one, longing to be part of something greater than ourselves.

Leader: Here, in this place, we are welcomed, just as we are, into the steadfast love of God.

People: In a world where so much feels uncertain, we seek a foundation that will not crumble.

Leader: Together, we open our hearts to the One who is our refuge and strength.

People: Let us worship God, the One who invites us to build our lives on love that lasts.

*** Processional Hymn** "O Worship the King" Hymn #41

***Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Gracious God, we come before you acknowledging that we often place our trust in things that do not last. We cling to our routines, possessions, and plans, forgetting that only your love is unshakable. When the world around us feels uncertain, we confess that we allow fear and worry to guide us rather than faith and hope. When we are quick to criticize, slow to forgive, and resistant to change, renew our hearts. Help us to let go of what keeps us from you and to build our lives on the firm foundation of your

grace. In your mercy, draw us closer to you, so that we may live as a people of hope and courage, trusting in your love that endures forever.

***Silent Confessions**

***Assurance of God's Grace**

***Congregational Response**

"We Are Forgiven"
We are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Hymn #447

***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

Psalm 16; Pew Bible, O.T., pg. 495

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Bell Anthem

"Rondo Jubilee"

Brenda Austin

Scripture Reading

Mark 13:1-8; Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 50

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Faith in uncertain times
Rev'd. Gary Noonan

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn**

"My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout"

Hymn #100

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 Anthem "Beautiful Savior" FM Christiansen
*Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in flowers of blooming spring.
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, he makes our sorrowing spirit sing. Beautiful Savior!
Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration
now and forevermore be Thine!*

Prayer of Dedication

WE DEPART TO SERVE THE LORD

***Closing Hymn** "The Days Are Surely Coming" Hymn #357

***Benediction**

Choral Response "Go Forth for God" Kenneth Dake
*Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.
Go forth for God, go to the world with love.*

Organ Voluntary "In Thee is Gladness," BWV 615 J.S. Bach

Worship Leaders:

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

Music Ministry:

Bill Stein, *Director of Music Ministries*; Kevin Chunko, *Music Associate*;
Bill Wade, *Bell Director*; Debra Hillabrand, *soloist*;
Chancel Choir; Chancel Ringers

Acolyte: Adrienne Butler **Cross Bearer:** Sophie Robinson

Ushers: John Becker, Ven Houts, Cy Woodrome, Julie Woodrome

Assistant Head Ushers: Amy Freshwater, Robert Schneider, Larry Erwin

Usher Captain: Art McDonnell

Livestream Host: Gary Hepp

The chancel flowers this morning are given by Robert Patton & Claire Budd in memory of their loving parents Irma & Jack Patton, who both passed on this day in 2023 and 2006.