

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## The Con Spirito Concert Series

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### Melodies of Reflection

St Louis Chamber Soloists  
string music by  
Albinoni, Mozart, Grieg, and Price

**TODAY**

3:00 pm  
free admission

## New Member Classes

If you would like to know more information about the Presbyterian Church(USA), this congregation and ways to get involved, there will be an informational class held on Sunday, November 24th at 10:00 a.m. in the Tree of Life Chapel. Then, on Sunday, December 1st, you will formally join the church during the worship service. Please contact Pastor Linda with any questions. The office phone number is 314-965-0326.

## SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF KIRKWOOD

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2024

FOLLOWING THE 11:00 A. M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Pursuant to the Form of Government G-1.0501, the Session has called a Special Meeting of the Congregation immediately following the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service on Sunday November 24, 2024 to review the Terms of Call for Rev. Gary Noonan, Pastor.

By Order of the Session

Lisa K. Ward

*Clerk of Session*

## Giving Trees Go Up on November 24th

We are excited to again partner with Lydia's House, a transitional shelter for women and children fleeing from domestic violence. We will have ornaments ready to be picked up during the 10:00 hour. Gifts need to be returned to church, unwrapped, on or before December 15th at 10:15 am so that they can be delivered in time for delivery to the shelter. If you have questions about a tag that you have taken, reach out to Rob Monroe -

[rmonroe@kirkwoodpres.org](mailto:rmonroe@kirkwoodpres.org).

**Cookie Walk Fundraiser  
for Work Camp 2025  
December 7, 10 am - 12 pm**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Right now we are looking for bakers, candy makers or other Christmas treat makers! Help our students fundraise by bringing in 4-5 dozen of your favorite single-serve treat for us to sell at our annual Cookie Walk Fundraiser! Items will need to be dropped off in advance for preparation for selling by the pound. QR Code Below can be used to sign up to bring treats.

Contact Rob Monroe with questions - [rmonroe@kirkwoodpres.org](mailto:rmonroe@kirkwoodpres.org)

### **PDA Clean-Up Buckets**

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has been mobilized to help in the areas affected by back-to-back hurricanes in the southeastern US and elsewhere. Following the hurricanes, Church World Service has provided 4,372 emergency cleanup buckets to communities in need. These items are critical for recovery, offering comfort and helping families rebuild their lives. First Pres will be collecting items for PDA clean up buckets from November 3-24. Please purchase all liquids in plastic bottles. Send only new, unopened materials. Look for a collection site near the Welcome Center on Sundays, November 3-24. When the building is closed, buckets and items can be left in or near a labeled tote under the awning at the Jefferson St. entrance. Use the QR code to learn which items are most needed. If you would rather contribute money for this collection the approximate cost of the bucket, items and shipping is \$78. Checks can be left in the church office or the offering plate with "Clean-up Buckets" in the memo line.



### **Christian Concerns Class**

**9:30-10:30 a.m. in Room 009**

Christian Concerns is also shown on Zoom for those at home.

**Zoom Link:** <https://bit.ly/ChristianConcerns> **Meeting ID:** 838 3632 0060

**Passcode:** 63122

**November 24:** Rev. Liz Kanerva, a Presbytery leader and minister, will join us for a discussion on "Faith Formation".

## A Taste of Advent

The first Sunday of Advent is December 1. We invite you to participate in "A Taste of Advent". This is a fun, family mission opportunity that serves our neighbors by collecting the designated items for each day of Advent, and bringing them to church each Sunday. Please place your items on the marked carts in Fellowship Hall and near the Welcome Center each Sunday, including Christmas Eve. The food collected will be split between KirkCare and our own Little Food Pantry outside the Jefferson Ave. church entrance.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATUDAY
1 Box of Cereal	2 Peanut Butter	3 Stuffing Mix	4 Box of Potatoes	5 Macaroni & Cheese	6 Canned Fruit	7 Canned Tomatoes
8 Canned Tuna	9 Dessert Mix	10 Jar of Applesauce	11 Canned Sweet Potatoes	12 Cranberry Sauce	13 Canned Beans	14 Box of Crackers
15 Package of Rice	16 Package of Oatmeal	17 Package of Pasta	18 Spaghetti Sauce	19 Can of Soup	20 Can of Corn	21 Can of Mixed Vegetables
22 Can of Carrots	23 Can of Green Beans	24 Canned Pasta	25 Bag of Egg Noodles	26 Box of Meat Helper	27 Box of Pancake Mix	28 Package of Rice

Please use this QR code to make a financial donation to KirkCare:



Please use this QR code to order items from KirkCare's Amazon wish list (will be delivered to KirkCare)



## Book Clubs

- **Tuesday Book Club** The November Tuesday Book Club selection is THE DEMON OF UNREST: a Saga of Hubris, Heartbreak, and Heroism, by Erik Larson. We meet every Tuesday at 10 AM in the Fireplace Room for discussions, and welcome everyone. Contact [kochkarenp@gmail.com](mailto:kochkarenp@gmail.com).
- **Wednesday Book Club** Due to Thanksgiving, the Wednesday Book Club will meet December 4 at 1:30 over zoom. We will be discussing North Woods by Daniel Mason which is about a house in New England told through the lives of those who inhabit it across the centuries. For more information, contact [julia@abreu.net](mailto:julia@abreu.net).
- **History Book Group** will discuss Devil in the White City by Eric Larson at our meeting Thursday, November 21, 10:30, at church. For information, contact Don Lewis at [donlewis610@gmail.com](mailto:donlewis610@gmail.com) or Carlin Scanlan at [ccscanlan@swbell.net](mailto:ccscanlan@swbell.net).

## Order Christmas Poinsettias!

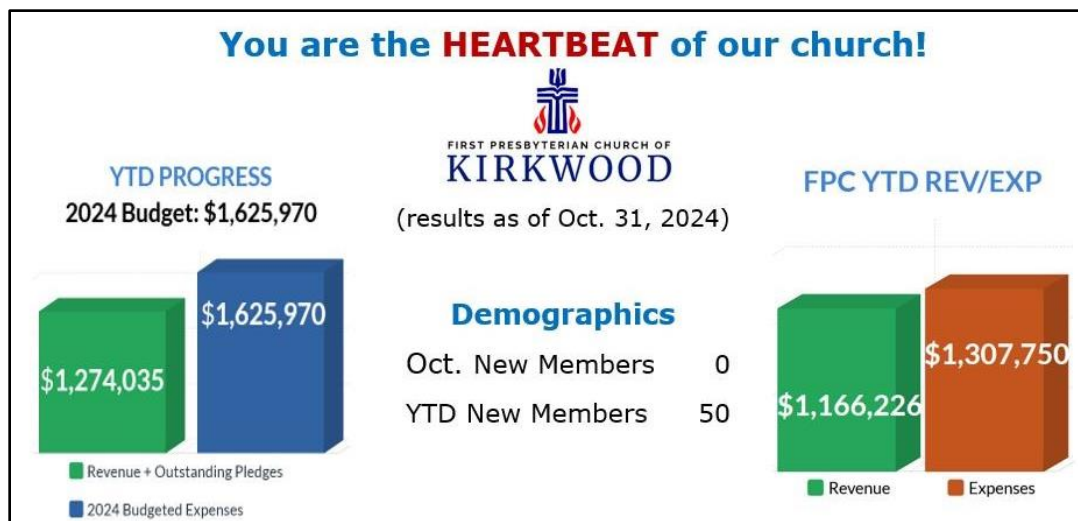


**Poinsettias may be ordered now through Sunday Dec. 15.** This is a wonderful way to honor a loved one and help beautify our worship spaces for Christmas. Cost is \$25 each. Order by clicking the QR code or by completing an order form available at the Welcome Desk. You may order online at [www.kirkwoodpres.org](http://www.kirkwoodpres.org) under the "Give" heading.

Questions? Contact Bill Larson at [blarson@kirkwoodpres.org](mailto:blarson@kirkwoodpres.org).

## Christmas Concert & Dinner

**Join us on Sunday, Dec. 15!** The concert begins at 4:00 p.m. and will be immediately followed by a delicious catered dinner. Make your reservation for the dinner by December 8<sup>th</sup> by scanning the QR code or using the payment link on the FPC homepage [www.kirkwoodpres.org](http://www.kirkwoodpres.org). Questions? Contact Bill Larson at [blarson@kirkwoodpres.org](mailto:blarson@kirkwoodpres.org)



## Budget Update

Overall, year-to-date offerings are up by about 11%, and we've kept expenses 6% under budget. We are making good progress and ask that we continue our giving to the year

end. The stewardship campaign for 2025 has started positively, and we have received a number of new pledges. As we prepare our budget we ask if you have not yet pledged, that you consider doing so, as it allows us to plan ahead with confidence and invest in the growth of the church.

## How to Give Online

Give online with a onetime gift or set up reoccurring payments and pay with ACH direct from your checking account, via credit card, or using GooglePay. Go to <https://www.shelbygiving.com/app/giving/kirkwoodpres> and follow the prompts, text GIVE to 314-293-4922, or scan the QR code to go directly our giving portal. Questions? Reach out to [accounting@kirkwoodpres.org](mailto:accounting@kirkwoodpres.org).

