



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF
KIRKWOOD

WELCOME TO WORSHIP
January 12, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.
Baptism of the Lord

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

"A Dove Flew Down From Heaven"

Chester Alwes

WE ADDRESS OURSELVES TO GOD

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Come, all who are thirsty for the living waters of God.

People: We come, drawn by the Spirit, seeking renewal and hope.

Leader: Come, all who are weary from the journey of faith.

People: We come, ready to be refreshed in the presence of Christ.

Leader: Here, the heavens open, and God's voice calls to us: "You are my beloved."

People: We come to hear that voice, to worship with joy, and to embrace our calling as Christ's people.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord who calls, empowers, and delights in us.

*** Processional Hymn**

"Shall We Gather at the River"

Hymn #375

***Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not followed your way, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons

Elders - Sara Butler and Mike Korte

Deacons - Jim Boal, Robyn Gornati, Leigh Mansfield and Carolyn Sproull

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading Isaiah 43:1-7; Pew Bible, O.T., pg. 672

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Solo "The Gift of Love" Hal Hopson arranged by Lloyd Larson

*Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love,
my words are vain, as sounding brass and hopeless gain. Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess, but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns
strangely thin. Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.*

Scripture Reading Luke 3:15-17; 21-22; Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 60

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Living Into Our Baptism* Rev'd. Gary Noonan

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn** "Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters" Hymn #490

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 Solo "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" arr. Tom Trenney
Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace. Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love. Here I find my greatest treasure; hither by thy help I've come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God. He, to rescue me from danger, bought me with his precious blood. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering hear to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, to leave the God I love. Here's my heart, O take and seal it for thy courts above.

Prayer of Dedication

WE DEPART TO SERVE THE LORD

***Closing Hymn** "Baptized in Water" Hymn #482

*Benediction

Organ Voluntary Improvisation on 'Baptized in Water' Kevin Chunko

Worship Leaders:

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

Music Ministry:

Kevin Chunko, *Music Associate*; Debra Hillabrand, *soloist*

Acolyte: Adrienne Butler **Cross Bearer:** Henry Meyer

Ushers: Pam Cooper, Jim Cooper, Julie Woodrome, Cy Woodrome,
Wayne Ullery, Amy Freshwater, Robert Schneider, Larry Erwin

Usher Captain: Art McDonnell

Livestream Host: Gerry DeWulf