

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join realm
and stay connected!

- 🔍 Look up members in our church directory
- 👤 Update your personal information
- 💰 Give online - one time & recurring gifts
- 🖨️ View giving history & print giving statements
- 📅 Make & keep track of pledges

Sign up or sign in at onrealm.org



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We use Realm
to help connect our
church community.

JOIN US ON REALM!

Our new Realm membership database and giving module has launched over this past week!

If you haven't already registered, here is what you can expect...

1. Members should have received an email with the Realm invitation.
2. The email includes some basic instruction for signing in and downloading the app.
3. That email will be followed by the invitation to create an account.
4. After your account is created you will have access to the directory, groups that you attend and your giving history.
5. You will also receive an email that you have been added to the church directory.
6. You will have the option of selecting what contact information you would like made available in the directory.

Please note that we have a springtime backdrop available in the lobby if you'd like to take an individual or family photo to help us update our directory!

What is Realm?

Realm is a secure online system our church uses to help us stay connected and organized. It allows members to update their contact information, view the church directory, manage giving, and stay informed about church activities.

Why is our church using Realm?

Realm helps us care for our congregation better by:

Keeping contact information up to date | Making our church directory easier to access
Providing a simple way to manage giving | Helping groups and ministries stay connected
It also allows members to choose how much they want to participate.

Do I have to use Realm?

No. Participation is completely optional. However, using Realm makes it easier to stay informed and connected with the life of the church.

If you need help getting started, please contact the church office — we are happy to help!
Email office@kirkwoodpres.org or call 314-965-0326.

A REALM FAQ sheet is available at the Welcome Desk.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

The Presbyterian Church USA annually sponsors three special offerings that support a variety of services and ministries worldwide. One Great Hour of Sharing (Feb 18-Apr 5) supports Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. Collection envelopes are available in the Narthex and welcome desk. Online gifts may be made through our website under the Give tab or by visiting

<https://onrealm.org/kirkwoodpres/give/OGHS>. For more info, visit pcusa.org.

Senior High Work Camp Auction and Dinner is April 19th!

Support our high school youth as they go to Grand Rapids in July.

You can reserve your seats now by using the QR code below.

Adults - \$15 Children under 11 - \$10



If you have donations - particularly things you have made - or would like to make a dessert for the live auction please contact Rob!

Reach out to Rob Monroe with any questions -
rmonroe@kirkwoodpres.org or 314-965-0326.



Family Activities at First Pres

FAMILY FRIENDLY TRIVIA SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 3-4:30 PM

Join us for a fun, family-friendly trivia afternoon!
Questions will be designed for kids, teens, and adults—with interactive rounds that don't require expert-level knowledge to play.

- Tables of up to 8 are available (or fewer if you prefer).
- Register in advance and pay at the door! Cost: \$5 per person
- All proceeds support our high school Work Camp mission trip this summer.
- Bring Your Own Snacks - we will provide drinks.
- No auctions, no bidding - just a relaxed, joyful afternoon with friends!

"Family" is defined by any relationship to FPC Kirkwood.

Unless otherwise noted, activities happen in Fellowship Hall at First Presbyterian of Kirkwood
Contact Rob Monroe for more info: rmonroe@kirkwoodpres.org - 314-965-0326 x128

MIDMONTH MUSIC SERIES

Join us for our next Midmonth recital on Wednesday, April 15, at 12:15 p.m.. Sarah Bereza, organist, will perform a half hour concert featuring French organ works by Cèsar Franck, Nadia Boulanger, and Maurice Duruflé. All are welcome!



THE ANNUAL ORGAN DEDICATION ANNIVERSARY RECITAL

May 4, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. | Eric Plutz, *guest organist*

We are thrilled to welcome American concert organist Eric Plutz as our May 4th recitalist this year. Holding degrees from Westminster Choir College and the Eastman School of Music, Eric has served Princeton University as University Organist for 20 years. As a concert organist, Eric has accepted engagements in distinguished locations across the United States and abroad. Eric's program is titled 'Various Venerable Variations' and features music by JS Bach, Joseph Bonnet, David Hurd, Rachel Laurin, and more. All are welcome to attend this free concert at 7:00 pm. And, in keeping with tradition, free ice cream will be served following the performance!



THE KIRK GALLERY

The month of April will feature two very special exhibits. We will have works by Evalyn Rogers, a long-time member who passed away recently. We invite you to view these works as we remember Evalyn and give thanks for her presence among us.

The Bear Class from our Children's Center will once again work with Amy Freshwater on clay creations! These colorful and imaginative pieces will be on display in the case. Please take a few moments and visit the Gallery on the lower level of the building, just off of the elevator.

CYBER SECURITY CLASSES

Join us for a two day series that covers staying ahead of scams through awareness, prevention, and best practices.

Tuesday Apr 21, 2026 (1:00 pm - 2:00 pm)

Session 1 – Understanding Modern Scams (1 hour)

- How scammers impersonate trusted organizations
- Email phishing and donation fraud tactics
- Phone and AI voice impersonation schemes
- Psychological techniques used to create urgency
- Real-world warning signs

Thursday Apr 23, 2026 (1:00 pm - 2:00 pm)

Session 2 – Prevention & Response (1 hour)

- How to verify suspicious emails, texts, and calls
- Best practices for phone safety and caller verification
- Password and multi-factor authentication basics
- The steps to take if you are scammed
- Where and how to report fraud



Sign up using the QR code or at the following link <https://bit.ly/CyberSafety2026>

CHRISTIAN CONCERNS

Sundays from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Room 009 or on Zoom. Contact ann.willie@hotmail.com

- April 12, 2026- The Caregiver Club - Jodie Condie Finney, PT, DPT, CGCP

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

This month we will explore a prayer/meditation practice to lay a foundation for compassion and loving kindness in our lives. Here is a link to the reading for our shared discussion <https://www.kirkwoodpres.org/important-documents>. All are invited to join our spiritual formation virtual gathering on April 12th at 9:00 a.m.. The link to join is: <https://meet.google.com/bjk-egqx-mje> Contact Tom Edelstein: tedelstein@att.net

BOOK CLUBS AND CIRCLES

- **Tuesday Book Club:** We meet every Tuesday from 10-11:00 a.m. in the Fireplace Room. We will be discussing Francis S. Collins' *THE ROAD TO WISDOM: On Truth, Science, Faith and Trust* on April 7th. Beginning April 14th we will read *THE GREATEST SENTENCE EVER WRITTEN*, by Walter Isaacson. Contact: kochkarenp@gmail.com.
- **Sarah's Circle:** We are reading *Conquering Fear: Living Boldly in an Uncertain World* by Harold Kushner. We meet on the second Monday of the month at 2:00 p.m. in the Fireplace Room. If you are interested, please contact Jane Paniello at jgpaniello@charter.net or Ellen Wood at wood.ellen.g@gmail.com
- **History Book Club:** All are welcome to join us for the History Book Club, April 23rd at 10:30 a.m. in Rm 29. This month we will be discussing *Only Yesterday - An Informal History of the 1920s* by Frederick Lewis Allen. Contact: gornatir@yahoo.com

CHILDCARE OFFERED DURING WORSHIP

We offer childcare from 9:05 a.m. through the end of the 11:00 a.m. service (including during the 10:00 a.m. education hour) for ages birth through preschool in room 131 right next to Fellowship Hall!

ACTIVITY BAGS & CHILDREN'S BULLETINS

Activity Bags & Children's Bulletins are available for kids in both services. For 9:05 a.m., bags and bulletins are on a table outside the Fellowship Hall doors. For 11:00 a.m., bags and bulletins are on a table in the Narthex, at the rear of the Sanctuary. Bags are refreshed weekly to provide fun & engaging activities that reflect the lectionary lessons.

SPACE FOR NURSING MOTHERS

We want everyone to feel welcome and included at church! If you are nursing a baby and would like a private space to feed your baby while you are here, please feel free to use the women's restroom in the staff offices on the second floor. The room can be locked and has a comfortable chair, changing table, outlet, and small table for your use.

GIVE ONLINE

Give online with a onetime gift, or set up reoccurring payments and pay with ACH directly from your checking account, via credit card, or using GooglePay. Go to <https://onrealm.org/kirkwoodpres/-/form/give/now> and follow the prompts, text "GIVEFPCK" to 73256, or scan the QR code to go directly our giving portal. Questions? Reach out to accounting@kirkwoodpres.org.

