



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF
KIRKWOOD

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

February 2, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.

The Fourth 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 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

"Canzona Quarta"

Girolamo Frescobaldi

WE ADDRESS OURSELVES TO GOD

*Call to Worship

Leader: Come, people of God, young and old, seekers and believers, as we gather in the presence of the One who calls us by name.

All: We come with joy and thanksgiving, ready to listen, ready to grow, ready to worship.

Leader: The God who called Jeremiah before he was born calls us still, saying, "Do not be afraid, for I am with you."

All: We come, trusting in God's presence, ready to respond to the call with faith and courage.

Leader: We come to be renewed, inspired, and sent out as God's people in the world.

All: Let us worship the God who loves, calls, and sends us, now and always!

*** Processional Hymn** "Sing Glory to the Name of God" Hymn #10

***Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

You call us to live with courage and faith, yet too often, we doubt your call and question our worth. You ask us to trust in your presence, but we let fear and uncertainty hold us back. You send us to bring good news and healing, but we stay silent when we should speak and idle when we should act. Forgive us, Lord, renew our hearts and give us the courage to follow where you lead, proclaiming your love in all we do. 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.

Reception of New Members

Confirmation Class: Helena Buerghler, Claire Campbell, Megan Campbell, George Dunaway, Reid Franklin, Teddy Lester-Boal, Lily Martin, Sadie McDowell, Lily Nepple, Nora Willis
Teachers: Amanda Yahng and Sue Hooks

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 1:4-9; Pew Bible, O.T., pg. 698

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem "Cantate Domino" Giovanni Croce

*O sing unto the Lord all the earth. Sing to the Lord and bless God's name.
Proclaim God's honor and glory and tell of His salvation.*

Scripture Reading Luke 4:21-30; Pew Bible, O.T., pg. 61

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Called For Purpose*
Rev'd. Gary Noonan

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Sentences

Offertory Anthem

"He Comes to Us As One Unknown"

text: Timothy Dudley-Smith

music: CHH Parry, arr. John Ferguson

He comes to us as one unknown, a breath unseen, unheard; as though within a heart of stone, or shriveled seed in darkness sown, a pulse of being stirred. He comes when souls in silence lie and thoughts of day depart; half-seen upon the inward eye, a falling star across the sky of night within the heart. He comes to us in sound of seas, the ocean's fume and foam; yet small and still upon the breeze, a wind that stirs the tops of trees, a voice to call us home. He comes in love as once he came by flesh and blood and birth; to bear within our mortal frame a life, a death, a saving Name, for every child of earth. He comes in truth when faith is grown; believed, obeyed, adored; the Christ in all the Scriptures sown, as yet unseen, but not unknown, our Savior and our Lord.

Prayer of Dedication

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

All are invited to celebrate Communion. The bread is gluten-free to ensure that all are welcome to the table.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Leader: Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God. People will come from east and west, from north and south,

People: To sit at the table in the kingdom of God.

Leader: This is the Lord's table, and our Savior invites all who trust in him to share in this holy meal.

People: We come, not because we must, but because we are loved.

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy...And so, with all the company of heaven, we join in their unending hymn, singing:



Leader: Gracious God, pour out your holy spirit...

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.**

The Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Communion Hymns "Come to the Table of Grace" Hymn #507
"Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken" Hymn #498

Prayer Of Commitment (Unison)

**Loving God, we thank you for feeding us with this holy meal and
nourishing our spirits with your grace. Send us out in the power
of your Spirit to live and serve as your faithful people, bringing
hope, love, and peace to the world. In the name of Jesus Christ,
we pray. Amen.**

WE DEPART TO SERVE THE LORD

***Closing Hymn** "Go, My Children, With My Blessing" Hymn #547

***Benediction**

***Choral Response** "God Be in My Head" GW Brown
*God be in my work. God be in my play. God be in my home. God be in my prayer.
God be in my song, so that I may sing your praise. God be in my night. God be in my day.*

Organ Voluntary Improvisation on "Sing Glory To The Name of God"
Kevin Chunko

**In honor of Black History Month, we will feature music by Black composers each week.
Today's Choral Response was composed by Grayson Warren Brown, a celebrated composer and
speaker, who passed away last year at the age of 75.*

Worship Leaders:

Rev'd. Gary Noonan, *Senior Pastor*; Rev. Linda Maconochie, *Interim Associate Pastor*;
Rob Monroe, *Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministries*

Music Ministry:

Kevin Chunko, *Music Associate*; Vix Carmichael, *Visiting Choir Director*; Chancel Choir

Acolyte: Rowan Sevem **Cross Bearer:** Gregor Noonan

Communion Servers: Jim Cooper, Pam Cooper, Georgia Hepp, Luise Warren,
Michael Warren, Cecil Wood.

Ushers: Georgia Hepp, Joe Marting, Lindsay Marting, Wayne Ullery,
Amy Freshwater, Larry Erwin, Art McDonnell; Robert Schneider, *Usher Captain*

Livestream Host: Gary Hepp