



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN OF
KIRKWOOD

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

October 25, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.
Reformation Sunday



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.

First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood

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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

Prelude in E minor, BWV 533

JS Bach

WE ADDRESS OURSELVES TO GOD

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Across the generations, God's people have gathered to worship, to question, and to seek the way of faith.

**People: We come as those who have received the faith,
and as those still learning to live it.**

Leader: God calls us beyond the comfort of familiar words and traditions.

People: To lives shaped by justice, kindness, humility, and love.

Leader: Christ reminds us that the greatest commandments are to love God and love our neighbors.

**People: May our worship deepen our love, and may our love
become visible in the world.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the living God,
who continues to renew and reform the church.

People: With grateful hearts and open minds, we worship God.

*** Processional Hymn**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Hymn #275

***Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Gracious God, You have shown us what is good, yet we confess that we often choose what is comfortable. We have valued being right more than being kind, protected our traditions more readily than we have welcomed change, and spoken of love more easily than we have practiced it. Forgive us when our worship fails to shape our living, when our faith becomes more concerned with ourselves than with our neighbors, and when fear prevents us from following where Your Spirit leads. Reform our hearts, renew our minds, and restore our courage, that we might love You more fully and serve one another more faithfully.

***Silent Confessions**

***Assurance of God's Grace**

***Response to Confession**

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.

Reception of New Members

Sara and Jacob Gibson

Sacrament of Baptism

John and Nicholas Gibson
children of Sara and Jacob

Hymn of Response

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

Hymn #486

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Micah 6:6-8; Pew Bible, O.T., pg. 866

Leader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Offertory

John Ness Beck

*With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, shall I come before Him with
yearling calves? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten
thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give Him my firstborn for my transgressions, the
fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has shown you, O mortal, He has
shown you what is good. And what does the Lord require of you but to do
justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.*

Scripture Reading

Matthew 22:34-46; Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 25

Leader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Heart Of Faith
Rev'd Gary Noonan

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn**

More Love to Thee, O Christ

Hymn #828

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

Greater Love Hath No One

John Ireland

Many waters cannot quench Love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death. Many waters cannot quench Love. Greater love hath no one than this: that we lay down our life for our friends. Who His own Self bare our sins in His own body on the tree. That we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness. Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus. Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. That ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Prayer of Dedication

WE DEPART TO SERVE THE LORD

*Closing Hymn

To God Be the Glory

Hymn #634

*Benediction

Choral Response

The Aaronic Benediction

Healey Willan

*The Lord bless thee and keep thee. The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. Amen.*

Organ Voluntary

Toccata (Suite Gothique)

Leon Boëllmann

Worship Leaders:

Rev'd Gary Noonan, *Senior Pastor*; Rev. Rachel Finken, *Associate Pastor*

Music Ministry:

Bill Stein, *Director of Music Ministries*; Laura Burgio, *Collaborative Pianist*; Chancel Choir;
Jon Logan, *guest director*; Josh Warren, Sophie Shugart-Fischer, and John Richey, *soloists*

Cross Bearer: Wyatt Butler **Acolyte:** Adrienne Butler

Livestream Host: Gerald DeWulf **Usher Captain:** Carol Layton

Ushers: Amelia Antunes, Carolyn Sproull, Jason Mitchell, David Kistler, Alisa Simpson, Ken Simpson

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History of Our Community, from Art in the Christian Tradition
