



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF
KIRKWOOD

WELCOME TO WORSHIP
March 8, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.
The Third Sunday in Lent

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

Canzona

Girolamo Frescobaldi

WE ADDRESS OURSELVES TO GOD

***Call to Worship**

Leader: In wilderness places where hope feels fragile and the way is unclear, when we thirst for justice, mercy, and peace;

People: God is among us, bringing water from rock and life from barren ground.

Leader: At the well of everyday living, where stories are complicated and hearts are weary, where questions rise and boundaries divide;

People: Christ meets us, offering living water that restores and unites.

Leader: On this day as we honor the courage and faith of women around the world, those who draw water, speak truth, nurture communities, and lead with vision;

People: The Spirit flows through every voice, calling all to dignity and belovedness.

Leader: Come, then, people of God, bring your thirst, your doubts, your longing, your praise.

People: We come to worship in spirit and in truth, trusting that God is among us.

***Processional Hymn**

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Hymn #81

***Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Holy and Living Water, we confess that we often live as if we are alone in the wilderness. We grumble when the way is hard, complain when change feels uncertain, lash out when fear grips our hearts. Forgive us.

We confess that we have ignored the voices of women in our churches, our homes, our institutions, our world. We have doubted their testimony, overlooked their wisdom, allowed systems to persist that deny safety, dignity, and equal flourishing. Forgive us.

O God, meet us again at the rock. Meet us again at the well. Pour your living water into our dry places. Transform our grumbling into gratitude, our fear into courage, our silence into proclamation.

Amen

***Silent Confessions**

***Assurance of God's Grace**

***Response to Confession** Come to Me, O Weary Traveler Hymn #183

***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.

A Conversation with Young Disciples

All children are invited to come forward for the children's message.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading Exodus 17:1-7; Pew Bible, O.T., pg. 64

Leader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 95 Come, Worship God Hymn #386

please remain seated and join in singing

Scripture Reading John 4:5-30; Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 94

Leader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Is God Among Us Or Not?

Rev'd. Gary Noonan

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn** I've Got Peace Like a River Hymn #623

verse 1 low voices verse 2 high voices verse 3 all

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 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say arr. Kyle Pederson

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest; in me your soul will find its peace, in me you draw each breath." I came to Jesus as I was, so weary and so worn; I found in him a resting place, where peace and hope are born. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give; I am the living water, quench your thirst, come drink and live." I came to Jesus and I drank from that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul renewed, and now I live in him. Speak now, Spirit, come and speak! I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light; look unto me, and night will fade, and all your mornings rise." I come to Jesus, and I find in him my star, my sun. And in that light of life I'll walk 'til traveling days are done. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am life, I am light, I am love, now come and live."

Prayer of Dedication

WE DEPART TO SERVE THE LORD

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

*Benediction

Choral Response Amen Michael Praetorius

Organ Voluntary Improvisation on 'Wondrous Love' Kevin Chunko

Lent is a solemn and penitential season. We kindly ask you to refrain from applause following the organ voluntary.

Worship Leaders:

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

Music Ministry:

Bill Stein, *Director of Music Ministries*; Kevin Chunko, *Music Associate*;
Wendy Hymes, *flute* and Ken Kulosa, *cello*; Chancel Choir

Acolyte: Scheffler Meyer **Cross Bearer:** Henry Meyer

Ushers: Julie Woodrome, Cy Woodrome, Dan Meckes, Wayne Ullery

Usher Captain: Larry Erwin **Livestream Host:** Gerald DeWulf