



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN OF
KIRKWOOD

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

August 23, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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

Andante religioso

Felix Mendelssohn

WE ADDRESS OURSELVES TO GOD

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We inherit a measure of our ancestors' faith.

People: God was faithful then, and God is faithful now.

Leader: Yet sometimes faith requires courage that is hard or scary.

People: Even when we are afraid, God's Spirit guides us.

Leader: In times of hope and in times of uncertainty,
our foundation remains the same:

People: Our Lord is our refuge and our strength.

Leader: So let us take heart; we are in the presence of the Living God.

People: Let us worship our Lord and Redeemer!

***Hymn**

Live Into Hope

Hymn #772

***Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Merciful God, Scripture testifies to Your loving presence in all times and places. Yet so often, we act as if You are not near. We succumb to fear, even when You call us to acts of courage. We surrender to despair, even as You promise us abiding presence. And we neglect to care for one another, even as we see needs all around us. Forgive us, God. Redeem and protect us from our selfish ways. Make us courageous in our care for one another. Guide us to know Your purpose for our lives, that we would be witnesses to the love and mercy of Christ Jesus.

***Silent Confessions**

***Assurance of God's Grace**

***Response to Confession**

We Are Forgiven

Hymn #447

We are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

***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

Ruth 3: 1-9; Pew Bible, O.T., pg. 243

Leader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

People: Thanks be to God.

Solo

O Rest in the Lord

Felix Mendelssohn

*O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him,
and He shall give thee thy heart's desires.
Commit thy way unto Him, and trust in Him,
and fret not thyself because of evildoers.*

Scripture Reading

Ruth 3: 10-18; Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 243

Leader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Risking Hope
Rev. Rachel Finken

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn**

Be Still, My Soul

Hymn #819

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

Amazing Grace

text: John Newton
music: Craig Courtney

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost but now am found; was blind, but now I see. Amazing grace! So vast and yet so free! The Son of God, the righteous One, is crucified for me. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed. Amazing grace! So vast and yet so free! The Son of God, the righteous One, is crucified for me. Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come. 'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first begun. Amazing grace! So vast and yet so free! The Son of God, the righteous One, is crucified for me.

Prayer of Dedication

WE DEPART TO SERVE THE LORD

*Closing Hymn

God of Our Life

Hymn #686

*Benediction

Organ Voluntary

Allegro assai vivace

Felix Mendelssohn

Worship Leaders:

Rev. Rachel Finken, *Associate Pastor*; Sara Butler, *Liturgist*

Music Ministry:

Bill Stein, *Director of Music Ministries*; Sophie Shugart-Fischer, *Soloist*

Livestream Host: Gerald DeWulf **Usher Captain:** Robert Schneider

Ushers: Kenneth Simpson, Alisa Simpson, Carolyn Sproull, Jason Mitchell, David Kistler

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