

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All In: Living Generously, Serving Boldly, Stewardship 2026

We recently celebrated Stewardship Sunday and were encouraged to be *All In: Living Generously, Serving Boldly*. We invite you to take a few moments to prayerfully consider what being "All In" looks like for you in 2026. Every pledge—no matter the size—helps us plan boldly for the ministry and mission we share.

Make your 2026 pledge today at <https://www.kirkwoodpres.org/pledge-form>.



ANNUAL PER CAPITA OFFERING

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Each January, First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood pays a Per Capita offering to the Presbyterian Church (USA) which allows church governing bodies to participate "equally, responsibly, and interdependently by sharing the cost of coordination and evaluation of mission." First Presbyterian has benefitted greatly from the support and services PC(USA) has provided over the years and is committed to supporting it.

This year's Per Capita expense is \$40 per member. We would like to give our members the opportunity to help offset this expense through a special Per Capita Offering. Your \$40 Per Capita donation can be made by contributing through the Give page on the FPC website and selecting Per Capita Offering, or by mailing your donation to the office, or including it in the Per Capita envelopes during the offering at services. Your support is greatly appreciated.



Your input needed!

The Adult Education Committee is seeking to gather feedback from all adults at the church—those who currently attend any type of educational offering at the church as well as those who don't! Please scan the QR code below to take a short survey (less than 5 minutes!) so we can use your input as we plan programming for the coming year. If you prefer a paper-based copy of the survey, please take one from the welcome desk and return it to the church office (addressed to Rachel) when you are done!



FAITH IN REAL LIFE

a gathering for young adults

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**1st Monday of the Month
7-8:30 PM in the Fireplace Room**

Next meeting is
February 2nd!



Faith in Real Life: A Gathering For Young Adults

This is a group for young adults looking for community and space to talk about what actually matters, then do something about it. If this is you, come join us the first Monday of each month. We meet from 7-8:30 pm in the Fireplace Room. No prep. No pressure. Just show up. Our next meeting is February 2! Questions? Contact Carley Lagemann at carleygrace178@gmail.com.



Celebrate this milestone in faith
with us as our students are confirmed.
All are welcome.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1st
9:05 Arise! Contemporary Service
11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood
100 E. Adams Ave. | Kirkwood, MO 63122

New Member Class

Are you interested in becoming a member of First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood? Our next class of new members will join the church on Palm Sunday, March 29! To join, please RSVP for and attend one of the new member classes we will be offering this spring:

- Sunday, February 8 @ 10 am
- Wednesday, February 11 @ 6 pm
- Sunday, March 8 @ 10 am

To RSVP for a new member class, please use the signup genius QR code below. If you would like to join and none of these times work for you, please email Rachel at rfinken@kirkwoodpres.org.



Lenten Book Study: Why Did Jesus Have to Die?

Please join Pastors Gary and Rachel for a Lenten book study where we will read and discuss Adam Hamilton's book, *Why Did Jesus Have to Die?* In this study we will explore the different ways Christians understand the meaning of Christ's death on the cross. If you are interested, please RSVP for the class and purchase a copy of the book by using the QR codes.

This will be a six-week series beginning on Wednesday, February 18 and concluding on Wednesday April 1. You can choose to attend the daytime session (Wednesdays from 1-2 pm) or the evening session (Wednesdays from 6-7 pm).

For questions, please reach out to Rachel at rfinken@kirkwoodpres.org.



Kirk Gallery

The Kirk Gallery will be displaying works by John Hendrix during the month of January. John Hendrix is a New York Times bestselling author and illustrator. His books include *The Faithful Spy: Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the Plot to Kill Hitler*, called a Best Book of 2018 by NPR, *Drawing Is Magic: Discovering Yourself in a Sketchbook*, *The Holy Ghost: A Spirited Comic*, *Miracle Man: The Story of Jesus*, and many others. His award-winning illustrations have also appeared on book jackets, newspapers, and magazines all over the world. His most recent book, the Eisner nominated graphic novel, *The Mythmakers: The Remarkable Fellowship of J. R. R. Tolkien and C. S. Lewis* was named a Best Children's Book of 2024 by The New York Times. John is the Kenneth E. Hudson Professor of Art and founding chair of the MFA in Illustration and Visual Culture program at the Sam Fox School of Design and Visual Arts at Washington University in St. Louis.

Upcoming Concert Save the Dates

Midmonth Music Series Concert

Wednesday, February 11th at 12:15 p.m.
featuring Nancy Peterson, organist at Zion Lutheran Church

Con Spirito Concert Series: IMI Chamber Players

Sunday, February 15th at 3:00 p.m.
Kirk Gallery display by local Black artists
Celebrating Black History Month

Lenten Recital Series

Our Friday Chapel Series begins on Friday, February 20th
Join us each Friday in Lent for these 30 minute meditative recitals
at noon in our Tree of Life Chapel

Look for more details later this month!

Father Kleba's documentary film

The film that was presented in July 2025 and was part of an international film festival is now available for streaming on vimeo. You can access the video at <https://vimeo.com/ondemand/blackhistorytour>.

Christian Concerns

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

- **February 1 and 8:** Wallace and Paul Ward will talk about the Olive Grove AME church restoration, Kirkwood Historical Society, and the Kirkwood Social Justice Coalition.
- **February 15 and 22:** Ten members of our church traveled to Mississippi on a Social Justice Journey in October 2025. It is now time to share our experiences.

STL Black History Tour

A STL Black History Tour is planned for May 10th. Please send the tour date, your name, email address, and phone number to Paul.loida@bayer.com. The tour will be the same as previous tours. The group will meet at 9:45 am at St Cronan Parish, 1202 S. Boyle Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110. The bus will return to St Cronan at 1 PM. There will be an optional brown bag bring-your-own lunch and discussion following, for those interested.

Cost: \$10.00 for transportation

Book Clubs

- **Tuesday Book Club:** The Tuesday Book Club meets each Tuesday from 10:00-11:00 in the Fireplace Room and all are welcome to join us. Our current book is *ABUNDANCE*, by Ezra Klein and Derek Thompson. In mid-February, our book will be *AGE OF REVOLUTION: Progress and Backlash from 1600 to the Present*, by Fareed Zakaria. Contact: kochkarenp@gmail.com.
- **Wednesday Book Club:** Join us on January 28, 2026 in the Fireplace Room and over Zoom. We will be discussing *All the Things We Cannot Say* by Kelly Rimmer – a woman's urgent search for answers to a family mystery that uncovers truths about herself that she never expected. Contact julia@abreu.net for more information.

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://www.shelbygiving.com/app/giving/kirkwoodpres> and follow the prompts, text GIVE to 314-293-4922, or scan the QR code to go directly our giving portal. Questions? Reach out to accounting@kirkwoodpres.org.

