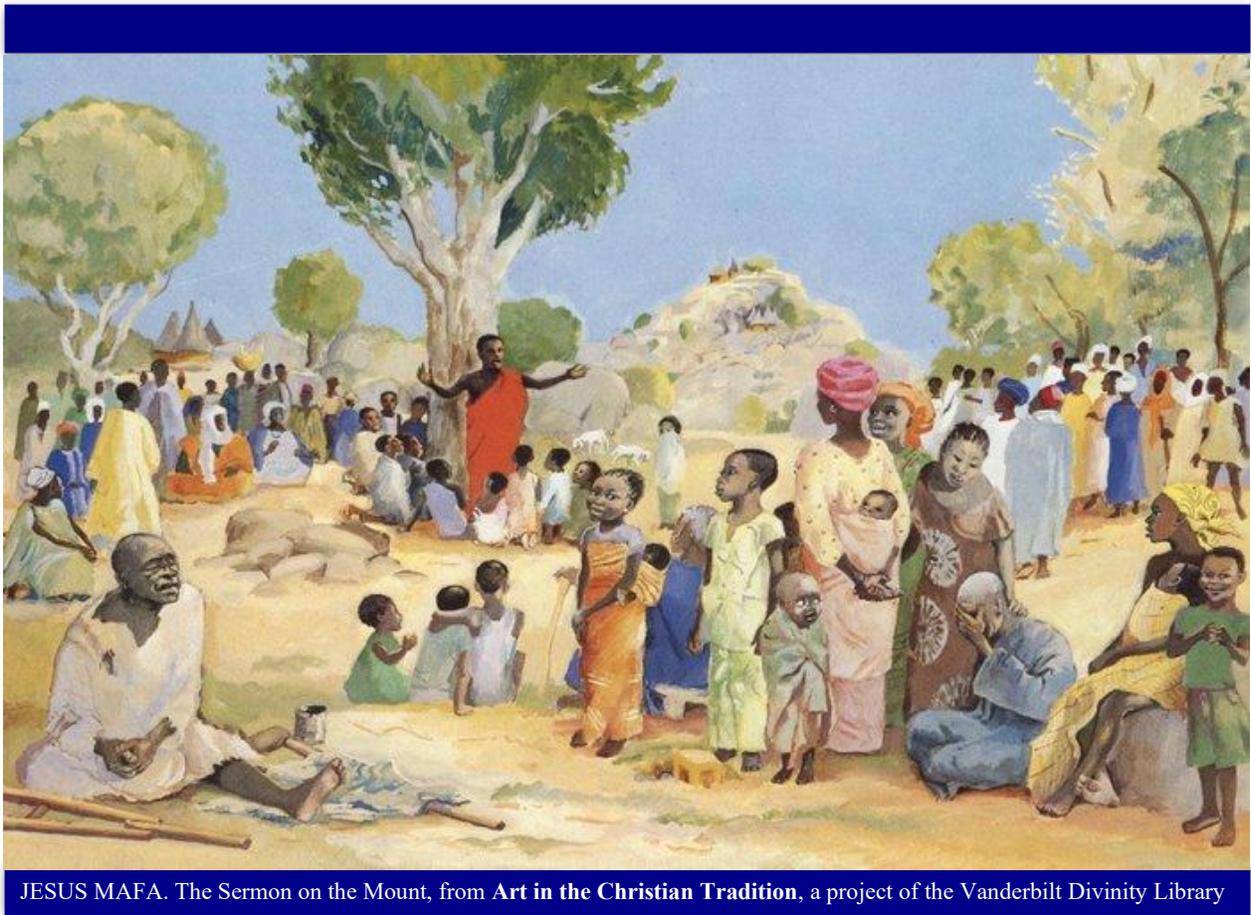




FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF
KIRKWOOD

WELCOME TO WORSHIP
February 8, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.
The Fifth 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.



JESUS MAFA. The Sermon on the Mount, from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library

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 Prelude

What God Ordains Is Always Good

Johann Pachelbel

Cherub Introit

Praise the Lord

Anonymous

Praise the Lord, sing a joyful song of gladness. All God's creatures praise the Lord.

Serve the Lord, sing a joyful song of gladness. All God's creatures serve the Lord.

WE ADDRESS OURSELVES TO GOD

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We gather today, young and old, seekers and faithful travelers

People: To remember who we are: salt of the earth, light of the world.

Leader: God has gifted us not only with Scripture but with purpose:

People: To shine love in dark places, to bring flavor to a bland world.

Leader: Let us worship with courage, with reverence, and with hope.

All: Let our light shine, that the world may see the goodness of God!

***Processional Hymn**

O Christ, the Great Foundation

Hymn #361

***Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Holy and Gracious God, You call us to be salt, to preserve goodness and amplify love. But too often, we fade into blandness, afraid to speak truth, reluctant to be seen as different. You call us to be light, yet we dim our radiance, fearing what others might think. Forgive us, O God. Restore our saltiness. Relight our flame. Make us bold in compassion, clear in justice, and always anchored in love. Amen.

***Silent Confessions**

***Assurance of God's Grace**

***Response to Confession** 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.

A Conversation with Young Disciples

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

Presentation of 6th grade Bibles

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 58:1-12; Pew Bible, O.T., pg. 688

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Chorister Anthem

Praise the Lord

Natalie Sleeth

*Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet, praise the Lord with the harp and lute, praise the Lord with the gentle sounding flute. Praise the Lord in the field and forest, praise the Lord in the city square, praise the Lord anytime and anywhere. Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine, praise the Lord in the dark of night, praise the Lord in the rain or snow, or in the morning light. Praise the Lord in the deepest valley, praise the Lord on the highest hill, praise the Lord, never let your voice be still. Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal, praise the Lord with the pipe and string, praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing. Praise the Lord on a weekday morning, praise the Lord on a Sunday noon, praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon. Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow, praise the Lord in the time of joy. Praise the Lord every moment, nothing let your praise destroy. Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet, praise the Lord in your work or play.
Praise the Lord everywhere in every way!*

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:13-20; Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 4

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Spark The Light In Us

Rev'd. Gary Noonan

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn**

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness

Hymn #314

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

Let There Be Light!

Gilbert Martin

Thou, whose almighty Word chaos and darkness heard, and took their flight. Hear us, we humbly pray, and where the gospel's day sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light! Thou who didst come to bring, on thy redeeming wing, healing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the inly blind: O now, to humankind, let there be light! Spirit of truth and love, life-giving, holy dove, speed forth thy flight. Move o'er the water's face, bearing the lamp of grace, and in earth's darkest place, let there be light! Holy and blessed three, glorious Trinity, Grace, Love and Might! Boundless as ocean's tide rolling in fullest pride, through the world far and wide, let there be light!

Prayer of Dedication

WE DEPART TO SERVE THE LORD

*Closing Hymn

Go in Grace and Make Disciples

Hymn #296

*Benediction

Choral Response

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

John Rutter

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

Organ Postlude

Bailado Brasileiro

Richard Proulx

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*;
Lori Wehrman, *Cherub Director*; Chancel Choir; Choristers; Cherubs

Cross Bearer: Dagny Dunaway **Acolyte:** Sam Strickler

Ushers: Pam Cooper, Jim Cooper, Julie Woodrome, Cy Woodrome, Wayne Ullery

Usher Captains: Bob Schneider **Livestream Host:** Gerald DeWulf