



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF
KIRKWOOD

WELCOME TO WORSHIP
March 1, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.
The Second 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 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

Trio in A minor

Josef Rheinberger

WE ADDRESS OURSELVES TO GOD

*Call to Worship

Leader: Beloved of God, believe this: God loved the world, God loves the world, and we are the beloved!

People: May the truth of this great love story shine through our worship today and renew our sense of calling!

Leader: We come with our tiredness, our frustrations, and our doubts.

People: We come longing to discover again how Jesus reveals God's love and mercy.

Leader: We come to listen for God's Word to us, to offer our prayers, and to renew our calling.

People: Friends of God, let us worship!

Leader: We will worship with open hearts and open minds.

People: May we experience the world-changing love of God.

*** Processional Hymn**

The God of Abraham Praise

Hymn #49

***Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

God of abundance, You call us to go, following the plan that You have set out for us. You promise us blessings and purpose, but we do not trust Your words. We cling to what we already know, we trust in what we can see and touch, we make excuses for our failure to trust in You. You reveal yourself in love, and yet in Your name we have participated in hate, exclusion, and domination. Call to us again, that we may be born again through Your Spirit. Help us to believe and give us the abundant life that comes from following Your will.

***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.

Please sing with us!

Jesus loves us, this we know, For the Bible tells us so, Nations big and nations small, Jesus Christ, He loves them all. Yes, Jesus loves us, Yes, Jesus loves us, Yes, Jesus loves us, The Bible tells us so.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Genesis 12:1-4a; Pew Bible, O.T., pg. 10

Leader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 121

To the Hills I Lift My Eyes

Hymn #845

sung twice

please remain seated and join in singing

Scripture Reading

John 3:1-21; Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 93

Leader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Born Again To Love

Rev. Rachel Finken

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

Pastoral Prayer

Leader: Lord, in your mercy...

People: Hear our prayer.

Offertory Sentences

Offertory Anthem

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Gilbert Martin

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God! All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down! Were e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown? Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small. Love, so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all! Amen!

Prayer of Dedication

Josephine, Amos, and George Kellner

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

All are invited to celebrate Communion. The bread is gluten-free to ensure that all are welcome to the table.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Leader: Hear the good news: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that all who believe in him may not perish but may have eternal life."

People: Praise the Lord! The Lord loves us so much that through the grace of God we are invited to this table.

Leader: Let us accept God's love, even as we still question, even as we still seek.

People: Let us taste and experience the gracious love of God.

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Praise to you, O God...therefore with all creation we sing your praise:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full, are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Leader: Thank you, O God...Great is the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again

Leader: Gracious God, pour out Your Holy Spirit...

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.

The Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Communion Hymns

Come to the Table of Grace

Hymn #507

What Wondrous Love Is This

Hymn #215

Prayer Of Commitment (Unison)

Thank you, gracious God, for giving us bread for the journey of these forty days. As we travel on through the wilderness, help us to share Your grace with others and draw us ever closer to You; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE DEPART TO SERVE THE LORD

***Closing Hymn**

Forty Days and Forty Nights

Hymn #167

***Benediction**

Choral Response

Amen

William Byrd

Organ Voluntary

Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee

Max Reger

Lent is a solemn and penitential season.

We kindly ask you to refrain from applause following the organ voluntary.

Worship Leaders:

Rev. Rachel Finken, *Associate Pastor*

Kim Selle, *Liturgist*

Music Ministry:

Bill Stein, *Director of Music Ministries*; Kevin Chunko, *Music Associate*; Chancel Choir

Cross Bearer: Dagny Dunaway **Acolyte:** Eileen Kinslohr

Communion Servers: Ann Bronson, Lois Creamer, Julie Grant, Sue Hooks, Peter Hurd, Wanda Ware

Ushers: Georgia Hepp, Lindsay Marting, Dan Meckes, Wayne Ullery

Usher Captain: Larry Erwin **Livestream Host:** Gary Hepp