

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Peace and Global Witness Special Offering

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering (Sep 8 – Oct 6) enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. 25% of this Offering stays with First Pres to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community. Mid-councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation in our region. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness. Giving envelopes are available in the Narthex. Online gifts may be made through the First Pres website under the Give tab. For information on this Special Offering, please visit pcusa.org.

Women's Retreat

SIGN UP NOW! We are having a Fall Women's Retreat at Mercy Center on **Wednesday, October 9th from 8:30-1:30**. The speaker is the Rev. Lisa Anderson, Executive Director of Room at the Inn in Memphis, TN. She is a dynamic and sought-after speaker. It will be a spiritually uplifting day. Lunch will be served. The cost is \$30. Use the QR code to sign up.



Family Activities at First Pres

2024-2025 Year at a Glance

FALL HAYRIDE

October 26, 6-7 pm

Meet us at Queeny Park for an evening to include a wagon ride around the park and s'mores afterwards. This event is space-limited, signup will be out soon!

MOVIE NIGHT

January 5, 5:15-7:00 pm

We will use the giant projector for a family-friendly movie and will share pizza and a fun sweet treat! We do ask for a \$10 per family donation to cover pizza.

FAMILY FRIENDLY TRIVIA NIGHT

February 23, 3-4:30 pm

You do not need history or too many facts to have fun - you might have to identify candy by looking at it at our Trivia Night. five rounds, in and out in 90 minutes!

MINUTE TO WIN IT

March 30, 3-4 pm

Come have some fun competing in Minute to Win It games. No points are kept but we will have challenges designed for different ages during the game!

"Family" is defined by any relationship to FPC Kirkwood.

Unless otherwise noted, activities happen in Fellowship Hall at First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood, MO.

Contact Rob Monroe for more info: rmonroe@kirkwoodpres.org - 314-965-0326 x128

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION
OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF KIRKWOOD
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2024

Pursuant to the Form of Government G-1.0501, the Session has called a Special Meeting of the Congregation at **10:15 a.m.** between worship services on **Sunday, October 13, 2024** to act on: (1) proposed changes to the Bylaws of First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood and (2) election of new church officers. This meeting will be held in the Sanctuary.

By Order of the Session
Lisa K. Ward
Clerk of Session

The current bylaws state:

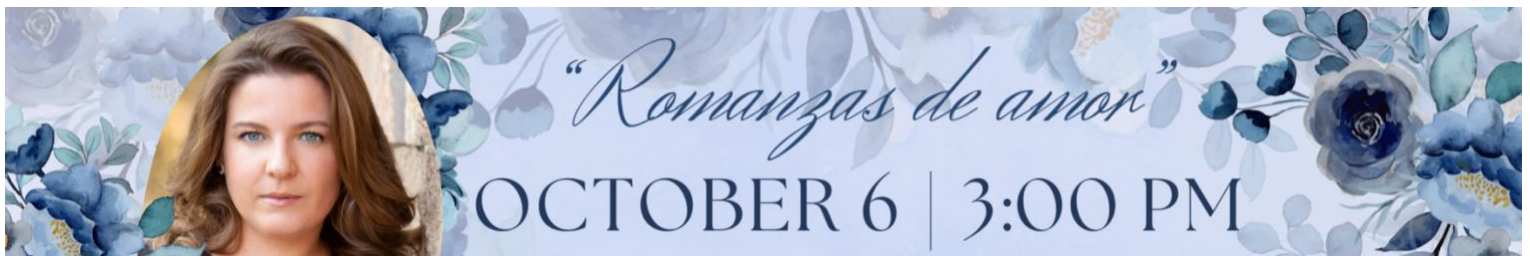
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- 5.1 Membership. The Board of Deacons shall consist of the members of the pastoral staff (as advisory members), and will number:
- a. no fewer than ten (10) and no more than twenty-two (22) in the calendar year 2023
 - b. no fewer than ten (10) and no more than eighteen (18) in the calendar year 2024
 - c. no fewer than ten (10) and no more than fourteen (14) in the calendar year 2025 and subsequent years.

The proposed change would be:

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Con Spirito Main Concert Series Season Begins!

Our first concert of the season is "Romanza de Amor" on **October 6, at 3:00 p.m.** featuring Benedetta Orsi, mezzo-soprano; W. Mark Akin, guitar; and Alla Voskoboynikova, piano. "Romanza de Amor" will impact the audience with emotional and melodic music centered around the themes of love and living life to the fullest.

MOSL Season Begins

The Metropolitan Orchestra of St. Louis begins its 2024-2025 Season of Live Classical Music concerts **Sunday, October 13 at 3 PM**, at First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood. Join conductor Roger Kaza, pianist Peter Henderson and organist Bill Stein for "The King of Instruments," featuring Robert Schumann's beloved Piano Concerto and Saint-Saëns iconic masterwork, Symphony No. 3, "Organ" First Pres just added a new Steinway grand to their music ministry – and with our magnificent Casavant pipe organ, we house two of the most prestigious keyboard instruments ever crafted! Tickets available at door or visit www.moslmusic.org to purchase in advance through Eventbrite.

Adult: \$20 | Seniors: 60+ \$15 | Students: \$5

Sarah's Circle

The Sarah Circle is meeting **Monday, October 14 at 2:15 p.m.** We are reading "The Language of God" by Francis S. Collins. We meet on the second Monday of the month at 2:15 p.m. in the church lounge on the first floor. If you are interested, please contact the Church Office.

Kirkin' of the Tartan Festival 2024

a joint event with First Presbyterian Church and Ladue Chapel

Friday, October 18, 2024 at First Presbyterian Church

6:30 p.m. Vespers Worship Service in the Tree of Life Chapel

7:30 p.m. Concert by the Wee Heavies in Fellowship Hall

The Wee Heavies is a local a capella men's quartet that specializes in Celtic music

Saturday, October 19, 2024 at Ladue Chapel

10:00 a.m. Kirkin' of the Tartans Worship Service includes special music and Calling of the Clans

10:45 am Concert by the St Louis Caledonian Pipe Band

11:30 am Performance by Dance Caledonia, Children's Activities, and Scottish Snacks

For those with Scottish ancestry, you are invited to share your clan name to read during the Saturday worship service. Please contact the Church Office no later than **Friday, October 11th.**

Christian Concerns classes:

9:30-10:30 in Room 009

On **October 6 and 13th**, our American History teacher, Christopher Saxton, will speak about how the first and second Great Awakenings impacted America.

The Class will be shown on Zoom for those at home. See you on Sunday!

Zoom Link: <https://bit.ly/ChristianConcerns> **Meeting ID:** 838 3632 0060

Passcode: 63122

Older Adults Use Your Voyce!

Join us for an educational series on aging well. Each session starts at 2:30 p.m.

- October 3rd *Healthy Now and Forever*
- October 10th *Protect Yourself and Friends: Avoiding Scams and Abuse*

For more information call 314-918-8222 or register at voycestl.org/events

Matthew 25 Event: STL Black History Tour

Join us for a STL Black History Tour planned for Oct. 19. To sign-up for the tour, send the tour date, your name, email, and phone number to Paul.loida@bayer.com. The group will meet at St. Cronan Catholic Church at 9:45 a.m., and the bus will return to St. Cronan at 1:00 p.m.. There will be an optional brown bag lunch and discussion following. The cost for the tour is \$10.

Book Clubs

- **Tuesday Book Club** will be discussing *THINK AGAIN*, by Adam Grant. Everyone is welcome for a stimulating discussion each Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireplace Room. Contact kochkarenp@gmail.com.
- **Wednesday Book Club** will meet again on October 30 at 1:30 p.m. over Zoom. We Will be discussing *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon, a historical mystery inspired by the life and diary of Martha Ballard, a renowned 18th century midwife who investigates a shocking murder that unhinges her small community. Please contact julia@abreu.net for more information.
- **History Book Group** will discuss *An Unfinished Love Story: A Personal History of the 1960s* by Doris Kearns Goodwin at our meeting Thursday, October 24, 10:30 a.m., at church. For information, contact Don Lewis at donlewis610@gmail.com or Carlin Scanlan at ccscanlan@swbell.net.

How to Give Online

Give online with a onetime gift or set up reoccurring payments and pay with ACH direct 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.



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