

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY WEEK

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Maundy Thursday at 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

- 6:00 p.m. Soup Supper and Communion in the Gathering Space
- 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Worship in the Chapel
(attend either or both!)
- RSVP for supper at <https://bit.ly/SoupSupper2026> or scan here:



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Good Friday at 12:00 p.m.

- The Tooke Memorial Good Friday Concert: "Requiem" by John Rutter presented by the Chancel Choir and Orchestra, Sophie Shugart-Fischer, soprano, and Bill Stein directing.

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Easter Sunday at 9:05 or 11:00 a.m.

- 9:05 a.m. Arise! Contemporary Worship with joyful Easter music by the Praise Team
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship with festive music by the Chancel Choir, organ, brass, and timpani

Easter Flowers Sponsorship Last Day!

Participating in our Easter Flowers Sponsorship is a wonderful way to honor a loved one while helping beautify our worship spaces for Easter. A \$30 contribution is suggested per dedication.

Go to <https://onrealm.org/kirkwoodpres/give/easterflowers> or use the QR code to order. Order forms are also available at the welcome desk and in the narthex.



Join Us On Realm!

The launch of our new Realm membership database and giving module has launched over this past week!

If you haven't already registered, here is what you can expect...

1. Members should have received an email with the Realm invitation.
2. The email includes some basic instruction for signing in and downloading the app.
3. That email will be followed by the invitation to create an account.
4. After your account is created you will have access to the directory, groups that you attend and your giving history.
5. You will also receive an email that you have been added to the church directory.
6. You will have the option of selecting what contact information you would like made available in the directory.

Please note that we have a springtime backdrop available in the lobby if you'd like to take an individual or family photo to help us update our directory! Questions? Please contact the church office. Email office@kirkwoodpres.org or call 314-965-0326.



Realm FAQ

Staying Connected at First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood

What is Realm?

Realm is a secure online system our church uses to help us stay connected and organized. It allows members to update their contact information, view the church directory, manage giving, and stay informed about church activities.

Why is our church using Realm?

Realm helps us care for our congregation better by:

- Keeping contact information up to date
- Making our church directory easier to access
- Providing a simple way to manage giving
- Helping groups and ministries stay connected

It also allows members to choose how much they want to participate.

Do I have to use Realm?

No. Participation is completely optional.

However, using Realm makes it easier to stay informed and connected with the life of the church.

How do I get started?

You will receive an **email invitation** from the church.

What if I don't receive an invitation?

Please contact the church office and we will be happy to send one to you.

Is my information safe?

Yes.

Your information is **secure and private**. It is never publicly available online.

You also control who can see your information through your privacy settings. For example, you can choose whether your phone number or address appears in the church directory.

What can I do in Realm?

Realm allows you to:

- View the church directory
- Update your contact information
- Manage your giving
- Register for events
- Stay connected with groups and ministries

What about children and privacy?

Parents control the information shown for their children.

Children under 13 cannot log in to Realm.

Who can see my information?

By default, your information is only visible to:

- Church staff
- Group leaders
- Members of groups you are part of

You can adjust these settings anytime.

If you need help getting started, please contact the church office — we are happy to help!

Email office@kirkwoodpres.org or call 314-965-0326.

Senior High Work Camp Auction and Dinner is April 19th!

Support our high school youth as they go to Grand Rapids, MI, this summer. We expect to take around 37 students.

We are ready now for you to donate new or gently used items, home-made crafts or gifts or tickets to events this summer or next fall!

We will be asking for desserts to be donated when we get closer to the event in April.

Reach out to Rob Monroe with any questions - rmonroe@kirkwoodpres.org or 314-965-0326.



[A Lenten Water Challenge: Living Generously, Serving Boldly](#)

- Rev'd Gary Noonan invites us to a simple and meaningful Lenten practice: for the 40 days of Lent, consider drinking only clean tap water and donating the money you would normally spend on other beverages to support the building of clean water wells in Africa through our mission partner, **Marion Medical Mission**.
- Skipping the morning coffee run, the drink with a drive-through meal, or an evening adult beverage can help us become more mindful of how much we spend on beverages—and how blessed we are to have access to clean water. This practice invites us to stand in solidarity with communities who do not share that same access and to support faithful partners working to provide life-giving water for all of God's children.
- **Contributions may be placed in the water jug located in the Gathering Space, by using the QR code or by visiting <https://bit.ly/fpklentonwaterchallenge>** Thank you for joining in this Lenten act of care and compassion.



[One Great Hour of Sharing](#)

The Presbyterian Church USA annually sponsors three special offerings that support a variety of services and ministries worldwide. One Great Hour of Sharing (Feb 18-Apr 5) supports Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. Collection envelopes are available in the Narthex and welcome desk. Online gifts may be made through our website under the Give tab or by visiting <https://onrealm.org/kirkwoodpres/give/OGHS>. For more info, visit pcusa.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 is a six-week series which began on Wednesday, February 25 and will conclude 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.



Scan to register



Scan to buy the book



Midmonth Music Series

Join us for our next Midmonth recital on Wednesday, April 15, at 12:15 pm. Sarah Bereza, organist, will perform a half hour concert featuring French organ works by Cèsar Franck, Nadia Boulanger, and Maurice Duruflé. All are welcome!

Christian Concerns

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

- April 12, 2026- The Caregiver Club - Jodie Condie Finney, PT, DPT, CGCP
- April 19th and 26th - "I'm so ANGRY all the time": Being a progressive Christian in a fraught America - Rev. Julie Berger

Book Clubs and Circles

- **Tuesday Book Club:** The Tuesday Book Club meets every Tuesday from 10-11:00 AM in the Fireplace Room. We will be discussing Francis S. Collins' *THE ROAD TO WISDOM: On Truth, Science, Faith and Trust*. On March 31 and April 7. Beginning April 14 we will begin *THE GREATEST SENTENCE EVER WRITTEN*, by Walter Isaacson. Contact: kochkarenp@gmail.com.
- **Sarah's Circle:** We are reading *Conquering Fear: Living Boldly in an Uncertain World* by Harold Kushner. We meet on the second Monday of the month at 2:00 pm in the Fireplace Room. If you are interested, please contact Jane Paniello at jp paniello@charter.net or Ellen Wood at wood.ellen.g@gmail.com
- **History Book Club:** All are welcome to join us for the History Book Club, April 23 @ 10:30am in Rm 29. This month we will be discussing *Only Yesterday - An Informal History of the 1920s* by Frederick Lewis Allen. Contact gornatir@yahoo.com with any questions.

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://onrealm.org/kirkwoodpres/-/form/give/now> and follow the prompts, text "GIVEFPCK" to 73256, or scan the QR code to go directly our giving portal. Questions? Reach out to accounting@kirkwoodpres.org.

