



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF
KIRKWOOD

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

November 16, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

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 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 Voluntary

Soliloquy

Dennis Janzer

WE ADDRESS OURSELVES TO GOD

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Behold, God is doing a new thing, a world of peace, justice, and joy is breaking forth!

People: We gather in hope, trusting in the promise of new heavens and a new earth.

Leader: Though we may see trouble and trial, God gives us words of wisdom and hearts of courage.

People: We come to worship with open hearts and ready spirits.

Leader: Today, as we celebrate baptism, we remember that God's promise of life and love is for all generations.

All: Let us worship the God who makes all things new!

***Processional Hymn**

Called as Partners In Christ's Service

Hymn #761

***Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

God of new beginnings, we confess that we grow weary in a world that is not yet what You dream it to be. We turn our backs on hope, we shrink from challenge, we lose sight of Your promise. In fear, we choose silence when we should speak, and comfort when we are called to act. Forgive us, O God. Breathe Your Spirit into us again. Give us the courage to follow Your way of love, the clarity to trust Your truth, and the strength to endure in faith, until Your kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven.

***Silent Confessions**

***Assurance of God's Grace**

***Response to Confession**

We Are Forgiven

Hymn #447

We are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***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.

Sacrament of Baptism

Margot Elizabeth Bennett, parents Andy and Grace

Hymn of Welcome

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

Hymn #486

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 65:17-25; Pew Bible, O.T., pg. 696

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

The Last Words of David

Randall Thompson

He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God. And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth, even the morning without clouds; as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain. Alleluia, Amen!

Scripture Reading

Luke 21:15-19; Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 85

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Living Toward The Promise

Rev'd. Gary Noonan

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn**

We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom

Hymn #378

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

Creation Will Be at Peace

text: J. Paul Williams

music: Anna Laura Page

In the holy mountain of the Lord all war and strife shall cease. In the holy mountain of the Lord creation will be at peace. The wolf will lie down with the lamb, the cow and bear will feed, their young will play together, a little child will lead. The leopard and goat will graze, the lion will feed on straw. They shall war no more, a child will lead them all.

Prayer of Dedication

WE DEPART TO SERVE THE LORD

*Closing Hymn

O Day of Peace

Hymn #373

*Benediction

Choral Response

Go Now In Peace

Don and Nancy Besig

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen.

Organ Voluntary

A Millennial Trumpet

Franklin D. Ashdown

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*

Chancel Choir

Cross Bearer: Henry Meyer **Acolyte:** Sheffler Meyer

Ushers: Missy Wulff, John Becker, Charlene McFarland, Terry McFarland

Usher Captain: Art McDonnell

Livestream Host: Gerald DeWulf