



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN OF  
**KIRKWOOD**

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

May 31, 2026  
Trinity Sunday



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.

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# 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

All the Saints Adore Thee...

Jeffrey Blersch

## WE ADDRESS OURSELVES TO GOD

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,

**People: We come to offer our worship today.**

Leader: Empowered and encouraged by the Risen Christ,

**People: We are sent out to show Your love to all the world.**

Leader: Even though we may still doubt, Christ promises to be with us always.

**People: Let us worship the One who never lets us go!**

### \*Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Hymn #1

### \*Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Holy and triune God, in Jesus You showed us that Your authority is loving, relational and invitational. Yet so often we make discipleship about exerting our own authority. We trade love for domination, relationship for subjugation, and invitation for exclusion. We prefer the safety of certainty to the vulnerability that comes with being fully present. Bring us back to You, God. Let Your Spirit shape us into faithful witnesses and give us the courage to be with others as You are with us.**

### \*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.

## A Conversation with Young Disciples

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

### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

#### Scripture Reading

2 Cor 13:11-13; Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 186

Leader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### Solo

Vouchsafe, O Lord

GF Handel

*Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin. O Lord, have mercy upon us.  
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us as our trust is in Thee.*

#### Scripture Reading

Matthew 28:16-20; Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 33

Leader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### Sermon

With You Always

Rev. Rachel Finken

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

#### \*Hymn

In Christ Called to Baptize

Hymn #297

#### 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 Solo

The Perfect Wisdom of Our God

S. Townend and K. Getty

*The perfect wisdom of our God, revealed in all the universe; all things created by His hand and held together at His command. God knows the mysteries of the seas, the secrets of the stars are His, God guides the planets on their way and turns the earth through another day. The matchless wisdom of God's ways that mark the path of righteousness; His word a lamp unto my feet, His spirit teaching and guiding me. And, O, the mystery of the cross, that God should suffer for the lost so that the fool might shame the wise, and all the glory might go to Christ. O grant me wisdom from above to pray for peace and cling to love and teach me humbly to receive the sun and rain of your sovereignty. Each strand of sorrow has a place within this tapestry of grace; so, through the trials I choose to say,  
"Your perfect will in your perfect way."*

Prayer of Dedication

**WE DEPART TO SERVE THE LORD**

\*Closing Hymn

Go to the World!

Hymn #295

\*Benediction

Organ Voluntary

All Thy Works Shall Praise Thy Name...

Jeffrey Blersch

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**Worship Leaders:**

Rev. Rachel Finken, *Associate Pastor*

Larry Erwin, *Liturgist*

**Music Ministry:**

Bill Stein, *Director of Music Ministries*

Josh Warren, *soloist*

**Livestream Host:** Richard Jeter    **Usher Captain:** Art McDonnell

**Ushers:** John Clark, Jane Paniello, Randy Paniello, David Kistler

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