



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF
KIRKWOOD

WELCOME TO WORSHIP
November 19, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.
The 25th 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.

THIS IS
Thanksgiving
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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 "Intrada" (Miniature Suite for Organ) John Ireland

Choral Introit "Come, Let Us Gather" traditional
*Come, let us gather now to sing praises and thanks to God, our King.
God's love is greater than anything.*

WE ADDRESS OURSELVES TO GOD

***Call to Worship**

Leader: In truth and love, God called us into this place of worship. God has said to us,

People: "You are my people, I am your God."

Leader: Not once, but again and again the Word is spoken, and there is rejoicing over all the earth. The words ring out with a glad cry:

People: "You are my people, I am your God. You are my people, close to my heart."

Leader: Come, People of God; let us be glad as we sing God's praises; for our Creator and Redeemer has said:

People: "You are my people, I am your God. You are my people, close to my heart."

All: With awe and wonder, in the spirit of grace we lift our voices to the God of creation, who redeems us and keeps us by the power of love.

***Processional Hymn** "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" Hymn #385

***Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Loving God, what makes us afraid, is what so often guides and directs our brokenness; and so, we pray this day for your mercy, and our ability to move through and even beyond our fearfulness. From the fears rooted in memory, beneath the surface but shaping us still; from the fears that are unnamed, hidden in the depths of our consciousness, deliver us. From the fear of lacking what we

need, of scarcity and deprivation; from the fear of illness and pain, the hurts, foreseen or unexpected, deliver us. From the unnamed terror that haunts the night, and the fears grounded in the risks of living; from the fears that stem from insecurity, feeding on lack of confidence and self-worth, deliver us. Continue in Jesus to take away our sins, to capture our fears, and make us whole.....

***Silent Confessions**

***Assurance of God's Grace**

***Congregational Response** "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.

***Reception of New Members**

Judy Lane, Susan Werkmeister, Denise Slatton, Venable (Ven) Houts

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Psalm 100; Pew Bible, O.T., pg. 552

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

"A Beautiful Psalm"

Brad Nix/Joseph Martin

Praise the Lord! Come rejoicing with beautiful song! Praise the Lord! Worship God with voices strong! Come before His courts with singing. Bring to God an offering of praise. Come into His gates with thanksgiving. Let every heart and voice be raised!

Scripture Reading

Mark 12.28-34; Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 49

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Meaningful Belonging

Rev. Linda Maconochie

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn**

"The Lord is God"

Hymn #63

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 "For the Beauty of the Earth" John Rutter

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise. For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night. Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise. For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given, Graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

Prayer of Dedication

WE DEPART TO SERVE THE LORD

***Closing Hymn** "Live Into Hope" Hymn #772

Benediction

Choral Response "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful" Jacques Berthier

*In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid. Lift up your voices, the Lord is near!*

Organ Voluntary "March on the Old Hundredth Psalm Tune" Brenda Portman

Worship Leaders:

Rev. Dr. Bill Smutz, *Interim Senior Pastor*
Rev. Linda Maconochie, *Interim Associate Pastor*

Music Ministry:

Bill Stein, *Director of Music Ministries*; Hayden Vaughn, *Music Associate*;
Lori Wehrman, *Cherub Director*; Choristers; Cherubs; Chancel Choir

Acolyte: Weston Sevem

Cross Bearer: Henry Meyer

Ushers:

Missy Wulff, John Becker, Kristy Mitchell, Jason Mitchell

Assistant Head Ushers:

Larry Erwin, Robert Schneider

Usher Captain: Art McDonnell

Livestream Host: Frank Darr
