

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Choir Announcement

Summer Choir will sing again on August 18th, and the 25th. Summer Choir is a GREAT way to give Chancel Choir a "test drive" before the Fall, or just to sing with the Choir in an informal setting. Summer Choir rehearses in the Choir Room (lower level under the sanctuary) at 9:00 and sings two simple anthems for the 10:00 worship service. We don't robe or process. All High School age and older are welcome! If you have questions, please contact the Church Office. You can also just show up at 9:00 those days. Come make a joyful noise!



Acolytes & Cross Bearers

Our acolytes and cross bearers will return to worship at the end of August. This is open to all youth in grades 5 – 12. Acolytes light candles at the beginning of worship and cross bearers carry the processional cross in at the beginning of worship. This is a wonderful way for our youth to be involved! There is a simple training upon signing up. If your children are interested or if you have questions, please contact the Church Office or see Bill Stein after worship on Sunday mornings.

Looking for Sunday Morning Greeters at the Welcome Desk



As a welcoming and inviting church, we would like to staff the Welcome Desk on Sunday mornings 8:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m. with volunteers to greet our members and guests. If you enjoy meeting and helping others, we invite you to sign up by using the QR code or <https://bit.ly/Welcomedesk>. If you have questions, contact the office.



Music for Children and Youth

We are happy to offer music for our children and youth during the school year, and invite your children/grandchildren to take part!

***Musikgarten** classes are for our youngest members age 3 months to 4 years. Musikgarten teaches parents and guardians how to play and communicate through music and movement. Classes meet Wednesday mornings beginning September 18th.

***Cherub Choir** is for children grades K through 2. This group rehearses on Wednesday afternoons 4:45-5:30 and sings throughout the year for worship. They also take part in the Christmas Eve Pageant at the 4:00 pm service.

***Chorister Choir** is for children grades 3-5. This choir also rehearses Wednesdays 4:45-5:30, sings at worship during the school year, and leads the Christmas Eve Pageant at 4:00 that afternoon.

***Middle School Ringers** is our bell choir for those in grades 6-8. They rehearse Wednesday afternoons 5:30-6:15 and ring during the school year in worship.

For more information about any of these groups, please contact the Church Office.





Can Tab Collection

Help the Ronald McDonald House care for families of hospitalized children. Many families who travel so their children can receive medical treatment stay at a Ronald McDonald House for little to no charge. These families are welcomed, provided a comfortable place to sleep, given meals, and are assisted in building a community of support so they can focus on their children's healing.

Bring your aluminum beverage can tabs to the collection boxes near the Welcome Desk or in the Sunday School hallway upstairs. Feel free to collect long term or larger amounts in your own recyclable container such as a milk jug or 2-liter bottle and place them next to the donation box. All donations will stay right here to fund the St. Louis area houses.

Special Congregational Meeting

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF KIRKWOOD SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2024

Pursuant to the Form of Government G-1.0501, the Session has called a Special Meeting of the Congregation following 10:00am Worship Service on Sunday, August 11, 2024 to act on proposed changes to the Bylaws of First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood. This meeting will be held in the Sanctuary in addition to being available by Zoom.

By Order of the Session

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Clerk of Session

The current bylaws state:

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2.1 Members of the Session. The Congregation shall be ruled and governed by the Session, consisting of the Pastor, Associate Pastor(s), and Ruling Elders, ordained and installed, as required by the Constitution. (G-3.0201, W-4.04) Ruling Elders will number

1. no fewer than ten (10) and no more than twenty-two (22) in the calendar year 2023

2. no fewer than ten (10) and no more than eighteen (18) in the calendar year 2024
3. 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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Matthew 25 Presentations

- STL Black History Tours are planned for August 24, Sept. 21, Oct. 19. To sign-up for the tour, contact the Church Office. The group will meet at St. Cronan Catholic Church at 9:45am, and the bus will return to St. Cronan at 1:00pm. There will be an optional brown bag lunch and discussion following. The cost for the tour is \$10.
- On August 11th at 9:00am in the Fireplace Room, Gloria D. Lozada-De Jesús will share a powerpoint on the topic of "Climate Justice, the Church and Ideas for Action"
- On August 18 at 9:00am in the Fireplace Room, we will watch an inspiring presentation on social justice by Reverend Prof. Mitri Raheb from the Matthew 25 Summit weekend.

Wednesday Book Club

The Wednesday book club will meet again on August 28 at 1:30 over zoom. We will be discussing Fever in the Heartland: The KKK Plot to Take Over America by Timothy Egan. A predatory con man became one of the most powerful people in 1920s America as Grand Dragon of the KKK and how a grisly murder of a woman brought him down. Please contact julia@abreu.net for more information.

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