



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF
KIRKWOOD

WELCOME TO WORSHIP
May 11, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.
The Fourth Sunday of Easter

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.



Moyers, Mike. Awake My Soul, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

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

Variations on 'Splendor and Honor, Majesty and Power'

John Eggert

WE ADDRESS OURSELVES TO GOD

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Come, beloved of God, gather in the presence of the One who knows you by name.

People: We come with our doubts and our faith, with our joy and our sorrow.

Leader: Christ, our Shepherd, calls us by name and leads us into abundant life.

People: We listen for the voice of love that will never let us go.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Living God, whose power brings healing, and whose mercy knows no end.

People: Together, let us worship in spirit and in truth.

*** Processional Hymn**

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

Hymn #268

***Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Loving and Living God, You call us by name, but we are often too distracted or discouraged to hear. You invite us to rise, but we cling to fear, to shame, to stories that keep us small. We confess that we turn away from the pain of others, and sometimes, our own. We fail to trust that your Spirit is still moving, still healing, still stitching life into what feels torn beyond repair. Forgive us, O God. Remind us that we are loved, called, held. Teach us to listen for your voice again, and give us courage to answer.

***Silent Confessions**

***Assurance of God's Grace**

***Response to Confession**

"We Are Forgiven"
We are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Hymn #447

***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

Acts 9:36-43; Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 128

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Bell Anthem

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

arr. Matthew Compton

Scripture Reading

John 10:22-30; Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 104

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Voice That Calls Us Back To Life
Rev'd. Gary Noonan

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn**

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Hymn #187

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

"A Vineyard Grows"

text: Jaroslav Vajda

music: K. Lee Scott

*Amid the world's bleak wilderness a vineyard grows with promise green,
the planting of the Lord himself, the planting of the Lord.*

*His love selected this terrain, His vine with love He planted here to bear the
choicest fruit for Him, the choicest fruit for Him. We are His branches, chosen, dear.*

And though we feel the dresser's knife, we are the objects of His care, the objects of His care.

*From Him we draw the juice of life, for Him supply His winery with fruit from which true
joys derive, from which true joys derive. Vine, keep what I was meant to be:*

Your branch, with your rich life in me.

Prayer of Dedication

WE DEPART TO SERVE THE LORD

*Closing Hymn

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

Hymn #182

*Benediction

Choral Response

"Sing to the Lord a Joyful Song"

Hal Hopson

Sing to the Lord a joyful song. Lift up your hearts. Sing alleluia!

Shout His praises, people everywhere. Alleluia! Praise Him for life, for rest and food.

Praise Him for eyes and ears to sense His world. Praise Him for love and all that's true.

For all these things we praise Him.

Organ Voluntary

"That Easter Day Was So Bright"

Aaron David Miller

*Today's flowers are given by Claire P Budd in memory of her mother Irma Patton and in honor of all
mothers at First Presbyterian. "A mother's love endures through all." - Washington Irving*

Worship Leaders:

Rev'd. Gary Noonan, *Senior Pastor*

Paul Nesvig, *Liturgist*

Music Ministry:

Bill Stein, *Director of Music Ministries*; Kevin Chunko, *Music Associate*;

Bill Wade, *Bell Director*; Tenors and Basses of the Chancel Choir; Chancel Ringers

Cross Bearer: George Dunaway **Acolyte:** Dagny Dunaway

Ushers: Georgia Hepp, Gary Hepp, Wayne Ullery, David Kistler, Bob Schneider, Larry Erwin

Usher Captain: Art McDonnell **Livestream Host:** Gerald DeWulf