



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF  
**KIRKWOOD**

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

September 29, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.  
The Nineteenth 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

Trumpet Tune on 'Gather Us In'

Anne Roberts

## WE ADDRESS OURSELVES TO GOD

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us gather together in the name of Christ,

**People: For where two or three are gathered, Jesus is with us.**

Leader: We come, with hearts open wide, ready to witness God's love at work in unexpected places.

**People: We come, seeking to follow Jesus, who calls us to be salt and light in the world.**

Leader: Let us set aside our judgments and boundaries, embracing the grace that unites us all.

**People: We are here to worship, to celebrate, and to join in the work of God's kingdom.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who calls us to live generously, love deeply, and serve faithfully.

**People: We come with joy, ready to be transformed by God's presence among us.**

### \* Processional Hymn

"Here in This Place"

Hymn #401

### \*Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Gracious God, we come before you knowing that we have fallen short. We have drawn lines that divide, rather than seeing the ways you are at work in others. We confess that we have judged, excluded, and withheld grace from those who do not fit our expectations. Forgive us for the times we've placed stumbling blocks in the paths of others, through our words, actions, and even our silence. Cleanse us of the things that keep us from you, and make us instruments of your peace.**

### \*Silent Confessions

### \*Assurance of God's Grace

**\*Congregational Response**

"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**

Psalm 19:7-14; Pew Bible, O.T., pg. 499

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

"Come by Here"

Kyle Pederson

*Come by here, my Lord, come by here. O Lord, come by here. Someone's prayin', Lord, come by here. O Lord, come by here. Someone's cryin', Lord, come by here. O Lord, come by here. In the morning, Lord...in the evening, Lord...in my waking, Lord... in my sleeping, Lord...in my pleading, waiting, caring, Lord... in my loving, grieving, blessing, Lord...in my longing, falling, hiding, rising, Lord...in my healing, aching, laughing, praising, seeking, finding, breathing, dying, Lord, you are here.*

**Scripture Reading**

Mark 9:38-50; Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 45

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

*Breaking Down Walls: Living with Grace*  
Rev'd. Gary Noonan

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**\*Hymn**

"Your Law, O Lord, is Perfect"

Hymn #61

**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**                      "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"                      William Dawson

*Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray. Upon the mountain my Lord spoke, out of His mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all around me, it looked so fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine. Jordan River is chilly and cold, it chills the body, but not the soul. There ain't but on train upon this track, it runs to heaven and right back.*

**Prayer of Dedication**

**WE DEPART TO SERVE THE LORD**

**\*Closing Hymn**                      "Go, My Children, With My Blessing"                      Hymn #547

**\*Benediction**

**Choral Response**                      "The Lord Bless You and Keep You"                      Peter Lutkin

*The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord lift His countenance upon you and give you peace. The Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. Amen.*

**Organ Voluntary**                      Toccata on 'Amazing Grace'                      J. Christopher Pardini

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**Worship Leaders:**

Rev'd. Gary Noonan, Senior Pastor  
Larry Erwin, *Liturgist*

**Music Ministry:**

Bill Stein, *Director of Music Ministries*; Lori Wehrman, *accompanist*;  
Chancel Choir; Josh Warren, *soloist*

**Acolyte:** Aiden Auer                      **Cross Bearer:** George Dunaway

**Ushers:**

John Clark, Randy Paniello, Jane Paniello, Amy Freshwater, Art McDonnell

**Assistant Head Usher:** Robert Schneider                      **Usher Captain:** Larry Erwin

**Livestream Host:** Frank Darr