



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF
KIRKWOOD

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

January 22, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.

Third Sunday after Epiphany

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.



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

_____ ***All who are able, please stand.** _____

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 Prelude

"Prelude"

CS Lang

WE ADDRESS OURSELVES TO GOD

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Drawn by God's presence,

People: We gather.

Leader: Inspired by God's spirit,

People: We worship.

Leader: Empowered by God's grace,

People: We live.

Leader: Opened by God's love,

All: We share!

***Processional Hymn**

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

Hymn #1

***Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

We know now what we did not know before, patient God; that every choice matters in the seasons of life. Spring, summer, fall, winter – each affects the other, each part intertwined in an inescapable web of mutuality. As one season leads to another, so it is with our words and actions; one choice, one shortcut, one curse, one request ignored, one insult spoken aloud, one stranger passed by. Forgive our lack of knowing, and our intentional unknowing, and the inattention to the pattern of our days. Help us to grasp your flow of life, and embrace the woven-ness of creation, and be remade as those who know, that how we live matters to you. As Jesus teaches, so we pray...

***Silent Confessions**

***Assurance of God's Grace**

***Congregational Response (Unison)** "We Are Forgiven" Hymn #447

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.**

***Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism**

Calvin Buegler and Helen Buegler

***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.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading Psalm 27:1, 4-9; Pew Bible, O.T., pg. 503

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Solo "He That Keepeth Israel" Adolphe Schlösser

He that keepeth Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps.

He will give his angels charge over thee to keep thee in all thy ways.

Put thy trust in Him and call upon Him, for His ears are open unto thy prayers.

Scripture Reading Ruth 1:1-7; Pew Bible, O.T., pg. 241

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *In & Out & On Their Way*
The Rev. Dr. Bill Smutz

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn** "For All the Faithful Women" Hymn #324

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

"Song of the Wanderer"

Dan Forrest

*The barren land around me lies, my flame is burning low;
cold and pale the winter skies, and I am far from home.
With my light that burns so dim, am I visible to Him?
Does He hear the fragile song of creatures here below?
He wakes the lark and bids her fly to greet the coming spring.
Wakes our hearts and bids us rise then gives our spirits wing.
He speaks and winter melts away, hears us when we come to pray,
turns our nighttime into day – our Light, our Life, our King.
Glorious joy of summer sun, the gentle healing rain,
banishing our tears and sighs, with beauty for our pain.
Earth and sky, lay glory by – Christ, the Lord, is drawing nigh.
All creation, bow to Him from whom all blessings flow!
Blows the wind, and soon will come the autumn of the year
with its golden light of love still shining ever clear.
From the rising of the sun, to the place where day is done,
peace on earth has now begun to cast away our fear.
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures, here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

Prayer of Dedication

WE DEPART TO SERVE THE LORD

*Closing Hymn

"Make a Joyful Noise to God!"

Hymn #54

*Benediction

Organ Postlude

"Fanfare"

Antonio Soler

Worship Leaders:

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

Music Ministry:

Bill Stein, *Director of Music Ministries*
Josh Warren, *Soloist*

Cross Bearer:

Ben Baker

Ushers:

Carolyn Sproull, Julie Jackson, Marilyn Kistler, David Kistler
Art McDonnell, *Usher Captain*; Bob Schneider, Larry Erwin, *Assistant Usher Captains*

Livestream Host: Frank Darr