

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## *Easter Flowers*

Participating in our Easter Flowers Sponsorship Program is a wonderful way to honor a loved one and help beautify our worship spaces for Easter. Donation amount is \$25 each. Sponsorship forms are available in the Narthex and are due by Sunday, April 13. You may place the form in the offering plate or mail it to the church with payment made to First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood, earmarked "Easter Flowers." Online sponsorships may be made on our website at [www.kirkwoodpres.org](http://www.kirkwoodpres.org) under the "Give" heading, or, scan the QR code. Questions? Contact Bill Larson at [blarson@kirkwoodpres.org](mailto:blarson@kirkwoodpres.org).

# HOLY WEEK

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**Monday, April 14 - Thursday, April 17**

*Holy Week Open Chapel*

*The Journey of Holy Week: Reflective Spaces* in the Tree of Life Chapel - a self-guided time of reflection and prayer. The Chapel will be open...

- 12-2:00 p.m. each day
- Wednesday evening, April 16, 6-7:00 p.m..

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**Thursday, April 17**

*Maundy Thursday*

- Soup Supper in the Gathering Space at 6:00 p.m.
- Tenebrae Worship Service in the Chapel at 7:00 p.m.
- RSVP at [www.bit.ly/soupsupper2025](http://www.bit.ly/soupsupper2025) or scan the QR code



RSVP for Soup Supper

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**Friday, April 18**

*Good Friday*

- The Tooke Memorial Good Friday Concert at 12:00 p.m.  
*Requiem for the Living* by Dan Forrest
- Chancel Choir and Orchestra; Debra Hillabrand, mezzo-soprano; Bill Stein, director; Kevin Chunko, organ; Jon Logan, tenor

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**Sunday, April 20**

*Easter Sunday*

- Arise! Contemporary Worship Service at 9:05 a.m. with joyful Easter music by the Praise Team
- Traditional Worship Service at 11:00 a.m. with festive music by the Chancel Choir, organ, brass, and timpani

Give hope this spring.  
Give blood.

 American Red Cross

Spring  
**Blood Drive**

 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF  
**KIRKWOOD**

Fellowship Hall  
100 East Adams Ave.  
Kirkwood, MO 63122

**Monday, April 28, 2025  
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Sign up by going to [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org)  
and enter FirstPresKirkwood

### Community Blood Drive

The Deacons are sponsoring a Community Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday afternoon, April 28, 2025 from 1-6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Appointments can be made online by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and entering FirstPresKirkwood or by calling 1-800-Red Cross (1-800-733-2767). **Sign up in the Welcome Area from 10-11:00 a.m. and 12-12:30 p.m on Sunday, April 27th.** You can streamline your donation experience by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](https://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) to complete pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of the appointment. There continues to be a critical need for blood. Please consider giving this gift of life and letting friends/family know about this opportunity for giving back to our community.

### Sarah Circle

The Sarah Circle is meeting on Monday, April 14 at 2:00 pm in the church lounge. We will be discussing a new book we started last month- *The Making of Biblical Womanhood* by Beth Allison Barr. We meet on the second Monday of the month at 2:00 pm in the church lounge. If you are interested, please contact Jane Paniello at [jgpaniello@charter.net](mailto:jgpaniello@charter.net) or Ellen Wood at [wood.ellen.g@gmail.com](mailto:wood.ellen.g@gmail.com)

### Spring Clean-Up

The Buildings and Grounds Committee invites you to join us on Saturday, May 3, beginning at 8 a.m. for the Spring Clean-Up. We will be planting flowers, cleaning up garden areas, trimming bushes/grasses, mulching beds, and sprucing up the grounds. Bring rakes, trowels, shovels, work gloves and hedge trimmers. We will supply the flowers and yard waste bags (and some sweet treats for our volunteers). This is a great opportunity to help beautify our church as we head into summer.

## **Discussing Faith in Today's World**

A new adult spiritual formation class is being held at 10:00 a.m. in Room 29 each week. This class is being taught by Sara Butler and Peter Hurd and they are using Animate curriculum. Here is what is coming up in the next several weeks: God-Faith is a quest; Religion-Spirituality is not enough; Jesus-The revolution of love; Salvation-Abundant life now; Cross-Where God is This class will be an opportunity to learn and grow in your own spiritual life. All adults are invited to attend!

## **Christian Concerns**

**Christian Concerns will not meet for the Palm Sunday and Easter, but will complete our year with the following:**

**April 27<sup>th</sup> - Betsy Solomon.**

"Art, Narrative, and Faith: Marc Chagall and Sieger Koder"

**May 4<sup>th</sup> - Betsy Solomon.**

"More Than Just Stuff: Understanding Symbolism in Paintings"

**May 11<sup>th</sup> - Wallace Ward.**

"Restoration of the Olive chapel AME church"

**May 18<sup>th</sup> - Betsy Solomon.**

"Sublime Landscapes: Caspar David Friedrich"

## **Black history tours**

**Black history tours** are scheduled for May 17th and June 7th.

The tours leave St. Cronan's, 1202 S. Boyle Ave, 63110 at 9:45 and will return at 1 pm. There is one rest stop in the middle of the tour at a service station for rest rooms, snacks and water. If you want to bring a brown bag lunch, you can stay to participate after the tour for questions and sharing. The cost of the tour is \$10.00 for the transportation. Make your reservation with your name, email address, and phone # to Paul Loida at [paul.loida@bayer.com](mailto:paul.loida@bayer.com).

## **Book Clubs**

**Tuesday Book Club:** Tuesday Book Club will be discussing *TEAM AMERICA: Patton, MacArthur, Marshall, Eisenhower*, by Robert L. O'Connell weekly at 10 AM in the Fireplace Room. In late April we will begin *VISION: A Memoir of Blindness and Justice*, by David S. Tatel. Everyone is welcome to join in. Contact [kochkarenp@gmail.com](mailto:kochkarenp@gmail.com) for additional information.

**Wednesday Book Club:** The next meeting of the Wednesday book club will be held Wednesday, April 23 at 1:30 over zoom. We will be discussing *James* by Percival Everett. This is a reimagining of *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* told from the enslaved Jim's point of view. Please contact [julia@abreu.net](mailto:julia@abreu.net) if you have any questions.

**History Book Group:** The History Book Group will talk about *The Wide, Wide Sea: Imperial Ambition, First Contact and the Fateful Final Voyage of Captain James Cook* by Hampton Sides, a story of adventure and the complex and controversial legacy of European exploration, at 10:30 Thursday, April 24, at church. For more information, contact Don Lewis at [donlewis610@gmail.com](mailto:donlewis610@gmail.com) or Carlin Scanlan at [ccscanlan@swbell.net](mailto:ccscanlan@swbell.net).



### Budget Update

During the first quarter of the year, we have made progress in reducing the budget gap by \$77k. While the budget gap is \$482k, we anticipate the gap to narrow as we receive gifts that were not pledged. Pledging, whether small or large, helps us with financial planning and budgeting the church's resources. If you haven't pledged, please consider doing so through our website or by returning one of the pledge cards available in the narthex. Thank you for your generosity as we continue to grow our church and serve our faith community.

### How to Give Online

Give online with a onetime gift or set up reoccurring payments and pay with ACH direct from your checking account, via credit card, or using GooglePay. Go to <https://www.shelbygiving.com/app/giving/kirkwoodpres> and follow the prompts, text GIVE to 314-293-4922, or scan the QR code to go directly our giving portal. Questions? Reach out to [accounting@kirkwoodpres.org](mailto:accounting@kirkwoodpres.org).

