



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF

# KIRKWOOD

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

September 1, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

The Fifteenth 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 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

“So Fades the Lovely Blooming Flower”

arr. George Shearing

## WE ADDRESS OURSELVES TO GOD

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Come, rejoice in what God is doing in our world!

**People: Come, be in awe of God our creator!**

Leader: God has given us hearts to love, bodies to live and breathe, souls to rejoice!

**People: God has made us, beautiful and wonderful beings!**

Leader: God has made the whole universe, and is continuing to make all things new;

**People: God is doing something new in our lives, right now.**

Leader: Come, join your hearts in worship of our magnificent Creator!

**ALL: Come, rejoice in our God!**

### \*Hymn

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Hymn #14

**\*Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

**Almighty One, we confess that at times we ignore You. We strive for our own ways, fulfilling our own desires, thinking that by the name of Christian we can get by, by the speaking of the right words we are saved. Our lives are too busy and there is too much going on for us, to really sink deeper into what we mean by what we say. Call us away from the temptation to make everything simple and instead, remind us of Your invitation to a deeper way of life. Draw us in to Your love, that transforms and changes us. Draw us in to a deeper love for one another, that transforms and changes the world. Lead us to a greater understanding of what it means to be saved, to save our neighbors from poverty and despair, to save this world from our own destruction, and to live into the fullness of Your love that is eternal.**

**\*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 15 p.; Pew Bible, O.T., pg. 495

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Special Music**

**"All the Way My Savior Leads Me"** arr. Christine Harmon

*All the way my Savior leads me, what have I to ask beside? Can I doubt His tender mercy Who through life has been my guide? Heavenly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in Him to dwell! For I know whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well. All the way my Savior leads me, cheers each winding path I tread, Gives me grace for every trial, feeds me with the living bread. Though my weary steps may falter, and my soul athirst may be, Gushing from the Rock before me, lo, a spring of joy I see. All the way my Savior leads me, oh, the fullness of His love, Perfect rest to me is promised in my Father's house above. When my spirit clothed immortal, wings its flight to realms of day, This my song through endless ages, Jesus led me all the way.*

**Scripture Reading**

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23; Pew Bible, N.T., p.42

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**Joys and Concerns of the Congregation**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Offertory Sentences**

**Offertory Duet**

"O Divine Redeemer"

Charles Gounod

*O, divine Redeemer! I pray thee, grant me pardon, and remember not my sins. Forgive me, O divine Redeemer. Night gathers round my soul! Fearful, I cry to Thee! Come to my aid, O Loved. Haste Thee, Lord, haste to help me. Hear my cry and save me Lord, in Thy mercy. Save, in the day of retribution, from death shield Thou me, O my God. O divine Redeemer, have mercy! Help me, my Savior.*

**Prayer of Dedication**

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*All are invited to celebrate Communion. The bread is gluten-free to ensure that all are welcome to the table.*

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Invitation to the Table**

**The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving**

Leader: For this time and this place and those around us, thank you, God.

**People: Thank you, God.**

Leader: For our freedom to worship and name you, thank you, God.

**People: Thank you, God.**

Leader: Gratitude, praise, hearts lifted high.....we join our voices to those of the Church on earth and in heaven:

**People: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of Power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest.**

Leader: Lord God, as we come...stewards of its nourishment.

**People: Lord, put our prosperity at the service of the poor.**

Leader: We cannot take wine...cry out for justice.

**People: Lord, put our fullness at the service of the empty.**

Leader: We cannot hear...preparing for it.

**People: Show us quickly, Lord, how to turn weapons into welcome signs and the lust for power into a desire for peace.**

Leader: We cannot celebrate...still dismember us.

**All: Lord, Heal your church in every brokenness.**

Leader: For us you were born....until your kingdom comes.

**All: Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.**

Leader: Look, here is your Lord ...taught us to pray.

**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.**

**Sharing of the Bread and the Cup**

**Communion Voluntary** "Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether"

arr. Charles Callahan

**Prayer Of Commitment** (Unison)

**Lord Jesus Christ, you have put your life into our hands; not we put our live into yours. Take us, renew us and remake us. What we have been is past; what we shall be, through you, still awaits us. Lead us on. Take us with you. Amen**

**WE DEPART TO SERVE THE LORD**

**\*Closing Hymn** "Hear the Good News of Salvation" Hymn #441

**\*Benediction**

**Organ Voluntary** Toccata on 'Nettleton' Gordon Young

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**Worship Leaders:**

Rev'd. Gary Noonan, *Senior Pastor*

Rev. Linda Maconochie, *Interim Associate Pastor*

**Music Ministry:**

Bill Stein, *Director of Music Ministries*; Louisa Wimmer and Jon Logan, *soloists*

**Communion Servers:**

George Durnell, Leah Engelhardt, Harriet and Philip Polster

**Ushers:**

Georgia Hepp, Joe Marting, Lindsay Marting, Wayne Ullery, Terry McFarland, Charlene McFarland  
Robert Schneider, Amy Freshwater, Art McDonnell, *Assistant Usher Captains*  
Larry Erwin, *Usher Captain*

**Livestream Host:** Gary Hepp