First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood

11:00 A.M.
Sunday, February 7, 2021
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
ORDER OF WORSHIP

We Gather to Worship God

Welcome and Announcements

Organ Prelude

“Solemn Melody”

Henry W. Davies

We Address Ourselves to God

Call to Worship

Leader: As if this were the only time,
People: And this the only place,
Leader: And we the only people,
People: Jesus will meet us.
Leader: As if this were the only time,
People: And this the only place,
Leader: And we the only people,
All: Let us worship God!

Hymn

“God Is Here!”

Hymn No. 409

Call to Confession

As we acknowledge and confess our individual and corporate sinfulness to God, the baptismal font will be filled with water. This filling symbolizes the power of God’s grace to restore us to the goodness in which God created us.

Prayer of Confession (The people joining)

God of grace, for our careless thoughts, for our thoughtless deeds, for our empty speech, and the words with which we wounded, grant us your forgiveness. For our false desires, for our hateful actions, for our wastefulness, and for all we have left untended, scatter the sin from our souls. Embrace us always in your tenderhearted mercy; and in Jesus, begin what we do, inform what we say, redeem who we are. Amen.

Silent Confessions

Assurance of Pardon

Response to Confession

“We Are Forgiven”

Hymn No. 447

We are forgiven, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God, thanks be to God!

The Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us offer each other a sign of peace.
We Hear God's Word

First Reading

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12-19

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

"O God, Beyond All Praising"

O God, beyond all praising, we worship You today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at every gift You send, at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before You and wait upon your word, we honor and adore You, our great and mighty Lord.
For Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free, and we through him are given the final victory.
Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we’ll triumph through our sorrows and rise to meet You still:
to marvel at Your beauty and glory in Your ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

Second Reading

John 2:1-10

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Fortnightly"

Rev. Dr. Bill Smutz

We Respond to God's Word

Invitation To The Table

Leader: This is the table.
People: Not of this church, but of the Lord.
Leader: We are invited to gather round now,
People: Because we love the Lord a little,
All: And want to love the Lord more.

Leader: So come, all who have much faith,
People: And all who have little,
Leader: All who have been here often,
People: And all who have not been here for a long time,
Leader: All who have tried to follow,
People: And all who have failed.
Leader: Come, because the Lord invites all,
People: And earnestly desires our presence!

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Leader: Let us give thanks to God.
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise!
Leader: Let us pray……
It is indeed right, for you made us, and before us, you made the world we inhabit, and before the world,
you made the eternal home in which, through Christ, we have a place.
All that is spectacular, all that is plain have their origin in you; all that is lovely, all who are loving point to you as their fulfillment.

And grateful as we are for the world we know, and the universe beyond our knowledge, we particularly praise you, whom eternity cannot contain, for coming to earth and entering time in Jesus.

For his life, which informs our living, for his compassion which changes our hearts, for his clear speaking which contradicts our harmless generalities, for his disturbing presence, his innocent suffering, his fearless dying, his rising to life breathing forgiveness, we praise you and worship you and we we gladly join our voices to the song of the Church on earth as in heaven:

Our gratitude rises for the promise of the Holy Spirit, who even yet, even now, confronts us with your claims and attracts us to your goodness. We trust the Spirit’s presence among us in this time and place as we share the bread and cup.

People: Praised be you, Holy Spirit, blowing through time, enliven us and the church, nourished in this time and place so that we might be those who seek to heal our broken world. Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer

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 the Bread and Cup

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Sentences
Offertory Anthem

“Draw Us In the Spirit’s Tether”

Harold Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit’s tether, for when humbly, in Thy name, two or three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now Thy garment’s hem. As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,
then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluia! Alleluia! So knit thou our friendship up.
All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of Thee, that by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be.
Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve Thee faithfully.

Prayer of Dedication

We Depart to Serve the Lord

Hymn

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

Hymn No. 327

Benediction

Organ Postlude

“Carillon”

Louis Vierne

+ All liturgy adapted from A Wee Worship Book, Wild Goose Worship Group.

Worship Leaders: The Rev. Dr. Bill Smutz, Interim Pastor
The Rev. Dr. Karen Blanchard, Associate Pastor

Music Ministry: Chancel Octet; Bill Stein, Director of Music Ministries; Travis Evans, Music Associate

Live Stream Host: Ron Evens

The flowers this morning are given in thanksgiving for the ministry of
The Rev. Dr. Bill Smutz, our new Interim Pastor

Thank you for worshiping with us today.

If you would like to be on our email list to receive information on the life of the congregation, please email Paula at paulab@kirkwoodpres.org.
SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION ON ZOOM
Christian Concerns Class, 9:30 a.m.

The Isle of Iona and the Iona Community
These sessions will explore the rich history and the ongoing life of the Isle of Iona and the Iona Community. This topic should be of particular interest to Presbyterians, since the Iona Community was founded by representatives of the Church of Scotland. The series will cover these topics as follows.

February 7: Iona: History, Geography, and Architecture
February 14: The Iona Community and Celtic Theology: Justice and Peace “For All People”
February 21: The Iona Community and Celtic Theology: Justice and Peace For “The Whole of God’s Creation”
February 28: The Iona Community: Music, Liturgy, and Worship

Clint McCann is a pastor in the PCUSA and serves as the Evangelical Professor of Biblical Interpretation at Eden Theological Seminary in Webster Groves. He is the author of a number of books, particularly on the Psalms, and he and his wife, Sarah, are Associate Members of the Iona Community on the Isle of Iona and Glasgow, Scotland.

Email Ann Miller to be added to the Zoom list at ann.willie@hotmail.com.

BOOK GROUP

Fourth Wednesday Book Group: We will be discussing two books at the Fourth Wednesday book group. Many have read the assigned book, The Dutch House. So many of us were enthralled by the work of Alex George, who wrote the Good American, we decided to also read his book, The Paris Hour. The group meets by Zoom at 1:30 on February 24. If you are not presently on the invite list, please let Karen know at kblanchard@kirkwoodpres.org.

SCOUT SUNDAY
The history of Scouting at 1st Pres goes back to the early 30s, when Troop K4 moved to 1st Pres. K4 became Troop 324 and that is where I grew up in Scouting as a Cub Scout in Pack 324 and a Boy Scout in Troop 324, where I earned my Eagle Scout rank in 1966. 324 was disbanded in the mid 1980s but we still have a number of members, both youth and adults, who are active in Scouting today. At least one member of the inaugural class of female Eagle Scouts, Maggie Pennington, is from 1st Pres.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, 2/7 - Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
9:50am Christian Concerns Adult Ed - Zoom
11:00am Worship Service - Live Steamed
1:00pm Chancel Choir Singing Pod - Sanctuary
7:00pm Sr. High Fellowship

Monday, 2/8
8:00am Preschool
11:50am Staff Meeting - 050

Tuesday, 2/9
10:00am Book Group - Zoom

Wednesday, 2/10
8:00am Preschool
7:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
7:15pm Board of Deacons - Zoom

Thursday, 2/11
10:00am Prayer Time - Sanctuary (reservation required)
7:00pm Section Leader Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Friday, 2/12
8:00am Preschool

Saturday, 2/13
11:00am Men’s Bible Study - Zoom

Sunday, 2/14 - Transfiguration of the Lord
9:50am Christian Concerns Adult Ed - Zoom
9:50am Spiritual Formation - Zoom
11:00am Worship Service - Live Streamed
7:00pm Sr. High Fellowship
GATHERING

409  God Is Here!

1 God is here! As we your people meet to
of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in
full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.

2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our
life - long need of grace; here are ta - ble,
font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.

3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the
Shep - herd's flock and fold; here as bread and
wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.

4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an
age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful
to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.
Here, as in the world around us, all our
Here in honesty of preaching, here in
Here the servants of the Servant seek in
Here, in this day's dedication, all we

varied skills and arts wait the coming
silence, as in speech, here, in newness
worship to explore what it means in
have to give, receive: we, who cannot

of the Spirit into open minds and hearts,
and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each,
daily living, to believe and to adore.
live without you, we adore you! We believe!
327 From All That Dwell Below the Skies
(Psalm 117)

1 From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator’s praise arise:
2 In every land begin the song; to every land the strains long:
3 Eternal are thy mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends thy word:

name be sung through every land, in every tongue.
voices raise and fill the world with joyful praise.
shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Because Psalm 117 contains only two verses, Watts’s paraphrase had only two stanzas. Most later hymnals have created or borrowed additional stanzas, like the one included here, to enlarge the hymn. Perhaps the best solution is found by adding Alleluias, as this tune invites.

TEXT: Stanzas 1, 3, Isaac Watts, 1719; stanza 2, A Pocket Hymn Book, 1781
MUSIC: Geistliche Kirchengesänge, 1623, alt.; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906
LASST UNS ERFREUEN
LM with alleluias
this tune in a lower key, 10
Unison

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!