

**Psalm of the Day  
Psalm 124**

<sup>1</sup>If it had not been the Lord who was on our side—let Israel now say—  
<sup>2</sup>if it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when our enemies attacked us,  
<sup>3</sup>then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us;  
<sup>4</sup>then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us;  
<sup>5</sup>then over us would have gone the raging waters.  
<sup>6</sup>Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth.  
<sup>7</sup>We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped.  
<sup>8</sup>Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

**Household Prayer: Morning**

Loving God, thank you for the gift of this new day. You have blessed me in so many ways in days that have come before. Today I will look and listen for signs of your joy and gladness present in my life, in the lives of others, and in the beautiful world you garden. As I begin this day, I pray that you will strengthen my soul and that whatever your purpose for me will be fulfilled in faithfulness and love. In Christ's name I pray. Amen.

**Household Prayer: Evening**

God of my salvation, preserve anyone in danger this night; reach out to anyone in trouble. Give us the quiet rest that comes from knowing that you are above everything, watching over us with steadfast love. At the close of this day, I entrust myself, and all those I love to your care and keeping. In Jesus's name. Amen.



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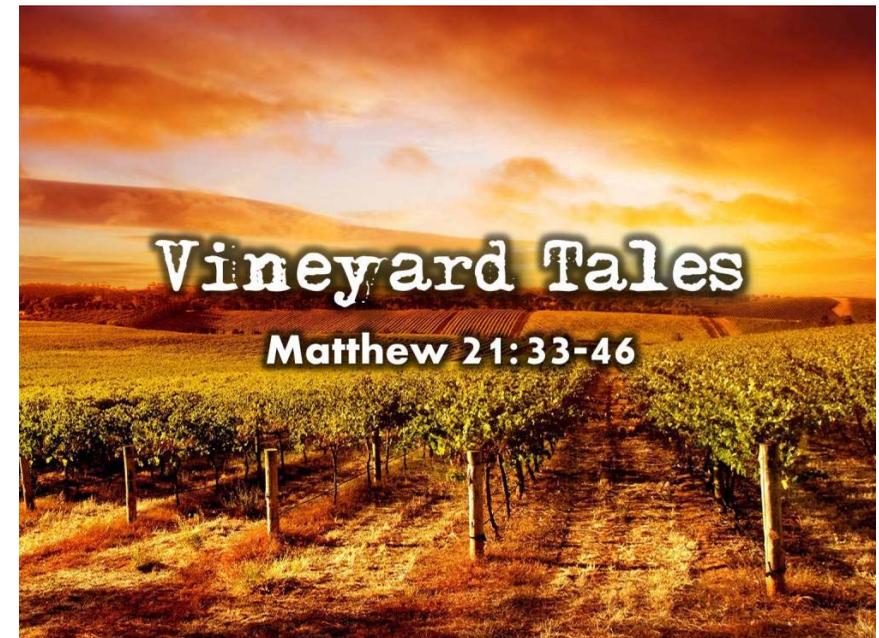
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*“Kirkwood Presbyterian Church is a joyful community of faith—  
seeking, serving, and sharing Jesus Christ.”*

*Kirkwood's Mission Statement*

# TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## SILENT REFLECTION

“Who would keep sending servant after servant, when one after another they come back, bruised, broken or not at all. Only someone with unquenchable hope and unthinkable mercy.”

~ David Lose

## WE GATHER TOGETHER

*As you enter the sanctuary, please prepare for worship with quiet reverence.*

**PRELUDE** *If With All Your Heart* From the oratorio *Elijah*  
F. Mendelssohn/arr. T. Birchwood

**PSALM OF THE DAY** Psalm 124 p. 537

### TOLLING OF THE BELLS

**WORDS OF WELCOME** Philip Jennette

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.  
People: **We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Philip Jennette  
~adapted from Psalm 124

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God  
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**  
Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
People: **who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: When we feel overwhelmed,  
People: **God is on our side.**

Leader: When we feel afraid and trapped,  
People: **God is on our side.**

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.  
ALL: **Blessed be the Lord!**

**ECHO Needs:** This month, the ECHO Food Pantry especially needs sugar (2# bags), pancake mix and syrup, spaghetti sauce, muffin mix, detergent, facial tissue and toilet tissue. The Housewares Department is very low on coffee makers. The most urgently needed school supplies are backpacks (new), dictionaries and thesauruses, paper pocket folders, spiral notebooks (wide or college ruled), and fine tip markers. Please see the complete list of donations that are needed right now at [www.echo-inc.org](http://www.echo-inc.org) under “Donate/School Supplies.”

*Please remember to "Bring a Can of Food to Church for ECHO" each Sunday for our Springfield and Burke neighbors who need help feeding their families!*

## Joys & Concerns

### *This Week's Birthdays:*

Aug 27 Donna Ross  
Aug 29 Joe Yancey  
Sept 2 Linda Pierce Knutson

### *Special Concerns:*

Dustin & Sherri Ellington and family, mission workers in Zambia

### *Health & Personal Concerns:*

Bob Flory  
Bob Hemm  
Dick Pape  
Joan Reynolds  
Dani Schwalb  
Lee & Linda Knutson  
Deanna Johnson's father  
Abigail, daughter of Joan Reynolds' nephew  
James and Bryce, friends of Anne Myers  
Dick Glymph, father of Amy Jennette  
Hez Spinner, brother-in-law of Clydette Lobred  
Jerrold Ross, brother of Joe Ross

## *This Week at Kirkwood*

### **Sunday, August 27, 2017**

10:00 AM Worship Service (S)  
1:30 PM Washington Mission Church (S)  
2:30 PM Washington Mission Church (FH)  
7:00 PM Hot Lanes Band Practice (S)

### **Monday, August 28, 2017**

6:00 PM Pack 1140 Den Meetings (CL)  
6:30 PM Pack 1140 Den Meetings (SB)

### **Tuesday, August 29, 2017**

### **Wednesday, August 30, 2017**

7:00 PM BSA Troop 1140 Meeting (FH)  
8:30 PM Discussion Group AA (SB)

### **Thursday, August 31, 2017**

6:30 PM Pack 1140 Den Meetings (FH)  
6:45 PM Ladies Night Out AA (SB)

### **Friday, September 1, 2017**

6:30 PM NA (SB)

### **Saturday, September 2, 2017**

(S) Sanctuary (CO) Conference Room (CL) Classrooms (SB) Sanctuary Basement (FH) Fellowship Hall (P) Parlor

**Today's Revised Common Lectionary Readings:    Next Sunday's Revised Common Lectionary Readings:**

Exodus 1:8-2:10  
Psalm 124  
Romans 12:1-8  
Matthew 16:13-20

Exodus 3:1-15  
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b  
Romans 12:9-21  
Matthew 16:21-28

**Nursery:** Nursery care is available for newborns through age 2.

Rev. Lees will be in the Narthex after worship to greet you. We welcome you to join us for a time of refreshments and fellowship.

We welcome today's guest vocalist **Min Chang**. Min is a member of Koinos Young Saeng Presbyterian Church in Centreville, VA. He was born in South Korea and moved to Argentina (where he visits often) then Canada before settling in the United States. He enjoys singing for the glory of God. He studies voice with Christopher Smith.

Rev. Lees will be on vacation from Friday, September 1 until Monday, September 4. The church office will be closed on Monday, September 4 for Labor Day. Pat Futato will be our guest worship leader on Sunday, September 3 and will also be on call for pastoral emergencies while Pastor Lees is away. She can be reached at 703-912-3527 or 703-209-1183. *Please note: communion will be served on September 10 instead of September 3.*

**Fall Worship:** Starting **Sunday, September 10**, worship will return to its fall start time of 11:00 am.

**Parents:** Please note that we will be taking a break from Sunday School for the entire month of August. We need to have time to finalize our planning and preparations for the next school year. This means that the children will remain in the worship service and not be dismissed after the children's message. Be on the look out for class registration and volunteer opportunities shortly. Our first Sunday School class will take place on **Sunday, September 10**. If you have any questions, please contact Merissa Larson at merissaklarson@yahoo.com.

**Prayer Chain:** From now until Sunday, September 3, please send prayer chain requests to Anne at office.manager@kirkwoodpres.com. After September 3, please resume sending requests to Clydette at tclobred@aol.com.

**Wednesday Evening Bible Study (WEBS)** is starting on Wednesday, September 13 at 7:30 pm. This fall we are discussing the book *The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism* by Timothy Keller. If you would like to order a book discussion guide, please contact Doug or Sara Amon.

**Ladies' Luncheon:** Kirkwood women and friends are invited to enjoy fellowship and some delicious food at 12:00 noon on **Tuesday, September 19** at Madigan's Waterfront Restaurant, 201 Mill Street, Occoquan. A sign-up sheet can be found in the Commons Area. Carpooling will be coordinated by Maggie Snyder at 571-594-0815.

**Men's Luncheon:** All the Men of Kirkwood are invited to attend our next Men's Luncheon on **Tuesday, September 19** at Bob Evans in Springfield. Please feel welcome to invite a friend to join us! Look for a sign-up sheet in the Commons Area and come out and enjoy some good food and fellowship with one another. You may contact Pastor Larry for further information at pastor@kirkwoodpres.com.

**GATHERING PRAYER**

Loving God, call us together as your people; transform us with your love. Transform our hearts, that we may love generously. Transform our eyes, that we may see your grace. Transform our hands, that we may serve others. Transform our spirits, that we may be the body of Christ, gathered to worship and sent out to serve. Amen.

**HYMN**

*Our Help Is in the Name of God*

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**WE PREPARE FOR THE WORD**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

~adapted from Psalm 124:8

Beloved in Christ, our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Confident in this ever-gracious, never-failing help, we come before the Lord, confessing our sin and seeking forgiveness. Let us pray...

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**

Good and Gracious God: You have sent us into your vineyard to bring forth your harvest. Yet, we have not been good stewards of your gifts and our opportunities to serve you faithfully. We have rather hoarded the harvest and sought our own pleasure and claimed your vineyard to be our own. Forgive us, O Giver of all gifts, for our sin. Release us from the grip of our fears, and the selfishness of our hearts. Give us the humility and desire to work your fields, tend your crops, nurture your vineyard and present to you, O God, a harvest worthy of your goodness and of our service. In Jesus Christ, Your Son, we pray. Amen.

*(moment of silence for personal confession)*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

~adapted from Psalm 124:2, 6-7

**Leader:** Sisters and brothers, if it were not that the Lord was on our side, we would be swallowed up in sin and death. Blessed be the Lord who has not given us as prey to our enemy. The snare has been broken and we have been set free.

**People:** **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

(PLEASE STAND)

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

*Hear the Good News of Salvation*

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*Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love. Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above. Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin! How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.*

**WE PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Leader: The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
People: **And also with you.**

(PLEASE SIT)

**A MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN**

*During August, our Sunday School teachers will be taking a well-deserved break.  
The children are asked to remain in worship following the children’s message.*

**GREETING, NEWS OF THE CHURCH**

*Please sign the friendship folder and pass it along the pew.  
You may complete prayer request cards and give them to an usher.*

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** *Offertory in D minor*

J.S. Bach/D. Paxton

(PLEASE STAND)

**DOXOLOGY** *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below.  
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

(PLEASE SIT)

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

**WE HEAR THE WORD**

**FROM THE PSALTER** Psalm 80:8-19 p. 510

(PLEASE STAND)

**HYMN** *Take Thou Our Minds, Dar Lord* 707 GTG

(PLEASE SIT)

**THE GOSPEL** Matthew 21:33-46 p. 856

**SERMON** *Violence in the Vineyard*

**MUSICAL OFFERING** *Agnus Dei* Georges Bizet  
Min Chang, Bass Baritone

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.*

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD**

**COLLECT FOR THE DAY (UNISON)** ~ The Book of Common Prayer

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

(PLEASE STAND)

**HYMN** *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory* 354 GTG

**BENEDICTION**

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *O Lord, Our Lord* 613 GTG

*O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.  
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.  
O Lord, we praise your name. O Lord, we magnify your name:  
Prince of Peace, mighty God, O Lord God Almighty.*

**POSTLUDE** *God of Our Fathers* arr. Steven Scott