

THIS WEEK AT KIRKWOOD

Sunday, August 24 2014

10:00 am—Worship Service (S)

Monday, August 25, 2014

10:00 am—Lamplighter article deadline

10:30 am —MOMS Club of Springfield (FH)

7:00 pm—Support Group on Aging (C)

Thursday, August 28, 2014

7:00 pm—Ladies AA



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PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**



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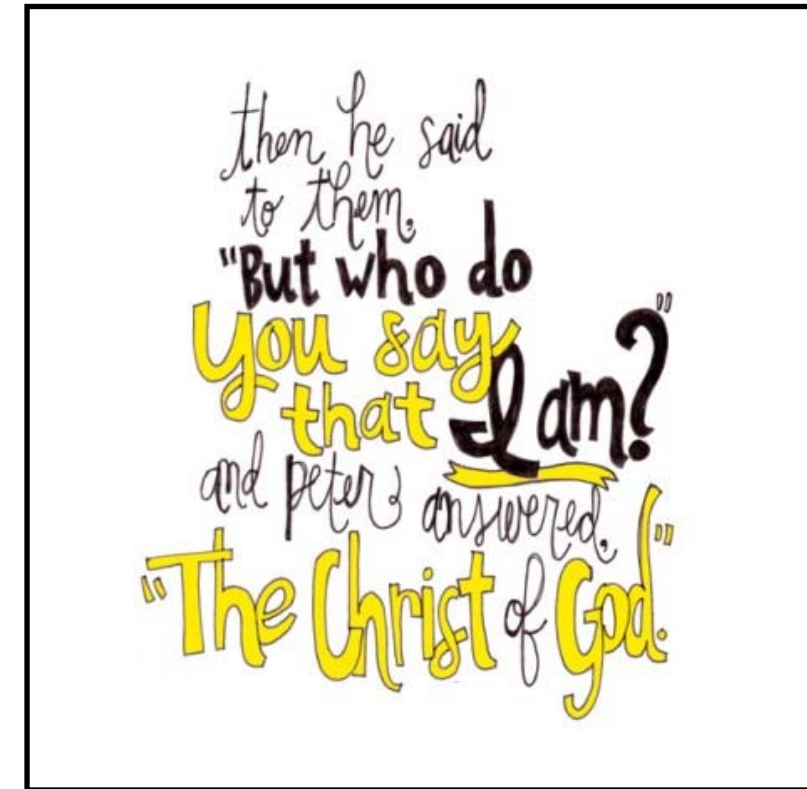
MINISTERS: All Members

CLERK/SESSION ELDERS: Doug Amon, Bob Gisch, Pam Johnson, Dan Larson, Nathan Mottl, Joan Reynolds, Donna Ross, Martha Schoonmaker, Bob Snyder, Yvonne Taylor, Joe Yancey. Karen Koenig—Clerk of Session

DEACONS: Aida Cardona, Ann Gisch, Myra Kurtz, Clydette Lobred, Tammy Mottl, Warren Qualley, Maggie Snyder, Sandy Webster, Ardyss Wherry

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

Kirkwood’s Mission Statement

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WE GATHER TOGETHER**SILENT REFLECTION**

"In today's postmodern culture love is often seen as kind tolerance of anything as long as it's consensual and does no harm. This is a far cry from the holy love of God that actively promotes goodness, seeks justice, protects the innocent, is gracious, slow to anger, and disciplines his children so that they may grow to become more like Jesus. God is love—that is as defined by God, not us."

From C. S. Lewis Institute reflection on 6/9/14

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

PRELUDE *Love Divine* Charles Callahan
PSALM FOR THE DAY Psalm 124: 1-8
LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES
TOLLING OF THE BELLS
WORDS OF WELCOME Jim Cowgill
 Leader: Grace to you and peace in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!
People: Let us worship God!

Congregational Response *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* 376 BH

*Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
 Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown!
 Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure unbounded love Thou art;
 Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart.*

CALL TO WORSHIP Jim Cowgill
 Leader: Ever-present God, forever seeking us, always teaching us,
People: Open our minds to the truth of your love.
 Leader: Open our hearts to the gentle power of your grace.
People: Open our hands to create beauty, do justice and show kindness.
 Leader: Open our souls to the breath of your Spirit.
ALL: Open our mouths to sing, boldly and loudly, your praises this day.

The Session and Personnel Committee are pleased to announce that Anne Myers will join the Kirkwood staff September 3 as Office Manager. Anne holds a BS in Industrial and Systems Engineering and a MS in Management from the University of Florida. She was an engineering consultant for the University of Florida's teaching hospital, and most recently was Director of Welcoming Ministries at Messiah Methodist Church in Springfield. Anne's husband Jason is an engineer and they have a two-year-old schnauzer named Allie. In her free time, Anne enjoys tennis, photography and gardening.

The Worship Committee announces that worship will return to 11 am, starting September 7. The committee thanks the congregation for completing the recent survey regarding the preferred time for worship. After much deliberation and discussion, the Worship Committee recommended to the Session that the worship time remain at 11 am this fall. Although the survey showed a preference for a 10:30 service, the committee did not believe the margin was significant enough to change the time by 30 minutes, considering the other church activities, including Jr./Sr. High and Adult Sunday School classes, children's activities during Adult Sunday School, as well as building preparation, choir rehearsal and Welcome Table set up prior to Sunday School., which precede worship time.

Joys & Concerns***This Week's Birthdays:***

27 Donna Ross
 29 Joe Yancey

Special Concerns:

Members/friends in the armed forces who are in harm's way: Major Jason Moore, USMC, Afghanistan

Our Missionaries in Zambia:
 Rev. Kari Nicewander & Joel DeJong

Health & Personal Concerns:

Bob Flory
 Hal Sellers
 Dick Pape
 Heather Telfer's father, Bob Snow
 Morgan Death, friend of Jon Larson
 Kathy Lewis' friend Mary Torczon
 Keith Scott
 Bobbie Myers - Phil Myers' mother
 Dani Schwalb
 Alfredo and Arleene Luciano, brother and sister-in-law of Aida Cardona
 Morgan Belcher, Debbie Wingfield's father
 Carla Coffman, Rebecca Larson's mother
 Sue Driver, Sandy Webster's sister-in-law
 SGT Manny Rivera's family, friend of Kathy Lewis
 David Kurtz
 Bob Heins, father of Karen Koenig
 Gary Klimek, husband of Ann Gisch's niece
 Jestin Braker, nephew of Bob Gisch



Friend us on Facebook!

Flowers today are given in honor of Claire and Bob Runger's anniversary September 3rd.

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

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

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

Our guest Organist today is Sue Munson, long-time Springfield resident and member of the American Guild of Organists. She was organist at Sydenstricker Methodist Church for the past 16 years, and prior to that was the organist at Calvary Presbyterian Church in Alexandria for 12 years. She also directed choirs in both churches. Now retired, she serves area churches as a substitute organist.

Rev. Lees is on vacation from Thursday, August 21 through Monday, September 1. Our guest worship leader today is Rev. Saul Cardona and the worship leader next Sunday, August, 31, will be Christopher Smith. Rev. Cardona will be on call for Rev. Lees in the event of any emergency or special pastoral needs. You can contact Rev. Cardona at 703-232-3041 or at saul.cardona@gmail.com.

Children age 3 through 3rd Grade will be dismissed from the worship service for a time of relaxed learning. We will continue the summer session with the Davey and Goliath video series. Nursery care will be offered every Sunday.

Lynbrook School Supply Collection - Throughout August, the Mission Committee is collecting school supplies for Lynbrook Elementary. Please drop your donations in the marked box at the sanctuary door.

Friendly greeters and the welcome table extend hospitality to visitors, friends and members alike. Won't you consider taking a turn in these important activities? Sign up now in the commons area. No experience needed!

Support Group on Aging meets tomorrow, Monday, August 25 at 7:00 pm in the Conference Room. The group offers support and helpful information to those caring for the elderly, and others interested in the subject. The group facilitator is Rev. Dr. Saul Cardona. The guest speaker will be Chaplain Jeff Krauss who will discuss *Strategies in Talking to the Elderly*. For further information, contact Rev. Dr. Cardona at 703-232-3041 or at saul.cardona@gmail.com.

Brunch With a Bunch Small Group is open to all on Sunday, September 7, at Springfield Country Club, on Old Keene Mill Rd. (just 5 minutes from Kirkwood) at 12:45 pm. Contact Martha or Jim Schoonmaker at 703-451-0808 or via email at home@schoonmaker.org to make a reservation as soon as possible, but **no later than Thursday, September 4**, as there are only 20 spaces available. You'll also need to pay Martha or Jim \$18.50 a person, which includes meal and one non-alcoholic beverage (coffee, tea or juice) as well as tax and tip. You can give them a check or exact cash anytime up to the Brunch. Please join us for food, fun and fellowship!

Joy Riding on an Empty Tank - Read the latest letter from our missionary in Zambia, Kari Nicewander. It's on the "Mission Matters" bulletin board and print copies are also available on the table there.

GATHERING PRAYER (UNISON)

Loving heavenly Father, we come to you this hour asking for your blessing and help as we are gathered together. We pray for guidance in the matters at hand and ask that you would clearly show us how to conduct our work with a spirit of joy and enthusiasm. Give us the desire to find ways to excel in our work. Help us to work together and encourage each other to excellence. We ask that we would challenge each other to reach higher and farther to be the best we can be. We ask this in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

(PLEASE STAND)

Hymn

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand 262 BH

WE PREPARE FOR THE WORD

(PLEASE SIT)

Call to Confession

~ Matthew 11:28-30

Come to me, all you who labor and are heavily burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Let us rest in God's mercy as we pray together.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Adapted from John Knox's Liturgy of 1560

Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into your presence, because of our many sins. We do not deserve any grace or mercy from you, if you dealt with us as we deserve. We have sinned against you, O Lord, and we have offended you. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge you to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to you. And so we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ your son, to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth, and the sins of our old age. By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that, not only the actions of our life, but also the words of our mouths, and the smallest thought of our minds, may be guided and governed by you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

(moment of silence for personal confession)

Leader: For God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

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

(PLEASE STAND)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Father, I Adore You* 191 GH

*“Father, I adore you, lay my life before you, how I love you.
Jesus, I adore you, lay my life before you, how I love you.
Spirit, I adore you, lay my life before you, how I love you.”*

WE PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

A MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN

(Children ages 3 to 3rd grade are dismissed to Davey and Goliath time.)

GREETINGS, NEWS OF THE CHURCH

(During the offertory please sign the Friendship Folder and pass it along the pew. You may complete a prayer request card and give it to an usher.)

OFFERING *(Please pass the Friendship Folder)*
OFFERTORY *Anna Magdalena’s Minuet in G Major* J.S. Bach
Cello: Rachel Amon

(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 AND 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

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 2:1-10 p. 46

(PLEASE STAND)

Hymn *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine* 341 BH

(PLEASE SIT)

THE GOSPEL Matthew 16:13-20 p. 850

SERMON *The Power of Words*

SPECIAL MUSIC *You are my all in all* Dennis Jernigan
Cello: Rachel Amon

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

COLLECT OF THE DAY (UNISON)

O Christ, our only Savior, so live within us that we may go from here with the light of hope in our eyes, and the fire of inspiration on our lips, your Word on our tongues, and your love in our hearts. Amen.

(PLEASE STAND)

HYMN *To God Be the Glory* 485 BH

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #535-BH Tallis’ Canon

*Go with us, Lord, and guide the way Through this and every coming day,
That in Your Spirit strong and true Our lives may be our gift to you.*

POSTLUDE *O Day of Peace* Charles Callahan

BH—Blue Hymnal GH—Green Hymnal
(BCW) Book of Common Worship (BCP) Book of Common Prayer

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

Nursery care for children under 3 is available during the worship service.