

Psalm of the Day
Psalm 17:1-7, 15

¹Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry; give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.
²From you let my vindication come; let your eyes see the right.
³If you try my heart, if you visit me by night, if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me; my mouth does not transgress.
⁴As for what others do, by the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.
⁵My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped.
⁶I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me, hear my words.
⁷Wondrously show your steadfast love, O savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand.
¹⁵As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

Household Prayer: Morning

God of daybreak, thank you for holding me through the night and awakening me to behold your likeness in this brand-new day. Go with me now as I walk with you. Show me the world and its people through your eyes of compassion. Bless me break me, and move through me to heal and feed those who hunger for you. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

O God, tonight I lay my failures, anxieties, struggles, and unfinished business at your feet. Hold me, bless me, and change me as I rest in you. Amen.



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

Kirkwood's Mission Statement

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SILENT REFLECTION

“All I’m saying is simply this: that all of humanity is tied together; all life is interrelated, and we are all caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny.

Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.”

~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

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

PRELUDE *Piano Sonata, K 311 Movement II* W.A. Mozart

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TOLLING OF THE BELLS

WORDS OF WELCOME Jon Larson

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

CALL TO WORSHIP Jon Larson
~adapted from Isaiah 44:1-4

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: Listen, O Jacob my servant, Israel whom I have chosen!
This is what the Lord says—
People: **He who made you, who formed you in the womb,
and who will help you: Do not be afraid, Jacob, my servant.**
Leader: For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams upon dry ground.
People: **I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring,
and my blessing on your descendants.**
Leader: They will spring up like grass in the meadow,
People: **and like willows by flowing streams.**

Joys & Concerns

This Week’s Birthdays:

Aug 7 Rachel Amon
Aug 10 Elyse Hickey
Aug 12 Gabe Heidenreich

This Week’s Anniversaries

Aug 8 Thomas & Lynn Gearhart
Aug 10 Krista & Chris Cook
Aug 10 John & Denise Gulley

Special Concerns:

Dustin & Sherri Ellington and family, mission workers in Zambia
Ensign Will Campbell, deployed to the Persian Gulf onboard USS Thunderbolt

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 6, 2017

Communion Sunday - ECHO Collection
10:00 AM Worship Service (S)
1:30 PM Washington Mission Church (S)
2:30 PM Washington Mission Church (FH)

Monday, August 7, 2017

7:30 PM BSA Troop 1140 Committee Meeting (FH)
7:30 PM Worship Committee (P)

Tuesday, August 8, 2017

7:30 PM BSA Troop 1140 PLC Meeting (CO)
7:30 PM Church Assessment Team (P)

Wednesday, August 9, 2017

7:00 PM Eagle Scout Ceremony (S/FH/K)
8:30 PM Discussion Group AA (SB)

Thursday, August 10, 2017

6:45 PM Ladies Night Out AA (SB)
7:30 PM BSA Troop 1140 ASM Meeting (CO)

Friday, August 11, 2017

6:30 PM NA (SB)

Saturday, August 12, 2017

8:30 AM Bonsai Society (FH/K)
7:05 PM Washington Nationals Game

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



Flowers this morning are given in memory of Carla Coffman & in celebration of Lily Larson’s birthday.

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

Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 17:1-7, 15
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-23

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'd like to express our appreciation to this morning's guest pianist, **Jinghua Pu**. A winner of various international piano competitions in both China and the United States, pianist Jinghua Pu has performed throughout the United States, China, and Italy including venues such as Weill Hall at Carnegie Hall in New York City, the mansion at Strathmore in Bethesda, Maryland, the Phillips Center in Gainesville, Florida, the Great Hall at the U.S. Department of Justice, the Ware Center at Lancaster, PA, and embassies in the District of Columbia.

The Session has called for a Special Congregational Meeting to be held after the 10:00 am worship service on **Sunday, August 13** for the purpose of receiving a report from the Church Nominating Committee and electing an elder for the class of 2020.

Ladies Luncheon: The lovely ladies of Kirkwood will be gathering for lunch on **Tuesday, August 15** at 11:30 am at Maggiano's Little Italy in Springfield. A sign-up sheet is posted in the fellowship area. Ann Gisch will coordinate carpooling, so please let her know if you are interested in being part of the carpool.

Calling All Musicians! Do you have a talent to share? Do you play an instrument or sing? Are you part of a musical performing group? If so, please share your own or your group's talents during one of the Summer Worship Services. During the summer months, our regular performing groups will be taking a well-earned break and we would love to have you help us with music. If you can help, or have a friend to recommend, please contact our music director Christopher Smith by calling (202) 704-7303 or emailing music.director@kirkwoodpres.com.

Kirkwood Fantasy Football League: Kirkwood Fantasy Football League (KFFL) enters its 14th year of fellowship and it is time to register a team in the Kirkwood Fantasy Football League 2017 season. Our draft will be **Friday, August 25 and Saturday, August 26** at 7:30 pm in the Kirkwood Conference Room. Mission is an important component of the KFFL. We continue to provide contributions to Fisher House in memory of Jeff Ghen. Last season we donated \$100 to Fisher House from dues and donations. Please fill out a sign up sheet which can be found in the commons area and join the fun.

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 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!

GATHERING PRAYER

God, Sower of seeds, be at work among us, we pray, that we may thrive and bear good fruit in abundance. May we rejoice in your presence, trusting that your kingdom is growing in the midst of us as we are nurtured in the love and grace of your Son, our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

HYMN

God of the Fertile Fields

714 GTG

WE PREPARE FOR THE WORD

CALL TO CONFESSION

~adapted from Psalm 103:8, 10

Beloved in Christ, the Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. God does not deal with us according to your sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. Let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Patient and Loving God: May your Spirit be our guide as we confess our sin. For where we would pluck up and discard, you would urge us to be patient and gracious. For where we would be self-assured to judge with apparent clarity, You would urge us to be guarded in our judgement and cautious in our actions. For, the measure we give will be the measure we get. So we come, clinging to your words of mercy, seeking your forgiving love in Christ our Lord. So we come, asking for a new and right spirit to be within us, that we might be slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, that we might be slow to judge and quick to forgive. We pray in the name of Jesus whose harvest is bountiful and whose mercy is new every morning. Amen.

(moment of silence for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

~adapted from Psalm 103:3-4

Leader: Sisters and brothers, let us bless the Lord who forgives our iniquities and who crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.

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

(PLEASE STAND)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hear the Good News of Salvation

441 GTG

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)

THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Deanna Johnson

*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 *Piano Sonata in A minor, Movement III* F. Schubert
(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 96:9-13 p. 519

(PLEASE STAND)

HYMN *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* 367 GTG

(PLEASE SIT)
THE GOSPEL

Matthew 13:24-30

p. 847

SERMON

Weeding or Waiting?—The Patient Farmer

MUSICAL OFFERING

Traumerei from Kinderszenen
Jinghua Pu, piano

R. Schumann

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE
GREAT THANKSGIVING
BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND BLESSING OF THE CUP
COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON)

~ The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

(PLEASE STAND)

HYMN *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* 547 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 *Moment Musical No. 3* F. Schubert