



KIRKWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Psalm of the Day Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

¹O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples. ²Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works. ³Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. ⁴Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually. ⁵Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered. ⁶O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones. ¹⁶When he summoned famine against the land, and broke every staff of bread, ¹⁷he had sent a man ahead of them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave. ¹⁸His feet were hurt with fetters, his neck was put in a collar of iron; ¹⁹until what he had said came to pass, the word of the Lord kept testing him. ²⁰The king sent and released him; the ruler of the peoples set him free. ²¹He made him lord of his house, and ruler of all his possessions, ²²to instruct his officials at his pleasure, and to teach his elders wisdom. Praise the Lord!

Household Prayer: Morning

Holy God, the new day begins with such promise. Help me to enter into this day with joy and confidence in your power and goodness. Whatever challenge I may face, help me to trust in your presence, remembering that you are stronger than any difficulty or threat. If you will surround me in the embrace and affection of steadfast love and faithfulness, of righteousness and peace, then I will be lifted up and strengthened to follow you. In Christ's name, I pray. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Gracious God, favor me with the sheer silence of your presence at the end of this day. Quiet any voices of fear and doubt that would trouble me, toss and turn me. Grant me your perfect peace. Favor your children with calm and rest, with healing and renewal, as we sleep and dream in your arms of mercy. In your Son's dear name, I pray. Amen.



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

Kirkwood's Mission Statement

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SILENT REFLECTION

"It is as though Jesus held [the kingdom] up to the light, turned it as one turns a prism in the sun, and in these stories told us what he saw. We listen, we enjoy, we ponder."

~ Fred Craddock

WE GATHER TOGETHER

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

PRELUDE *Far Away in the Depth of My Spirit* W.G. Cooper/W.M. Kim
Piano Duet: Yvonne Taylor & Hongju Lee

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b p. 523

TOLLING OF THE BELLS

WORDS OF WELCOME Linda Pierce Knutson

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

CALL TO WORSHIP Linda Pierce Knutson
~adapted from Psalm 105:1-4

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: Let us give thanks to the Lord and call on God's name.
People: **Make known God's deeds among the people.**
Leader: Sing to the Lord, sing praises to God.
People: **Tell of all God's marvelous works. Glory in God's name.**
Leader: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!
People: **Seek God's presence and strength continually!**
ALL: **Sing to God; sing praises to God!**

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!

Joys & Concerns

This Week's Birthdays:
Aug 17 Christopher Cook

This Week's Anniversaries
Aug 14 Myra & Dave Kurtz
Aug 15 Joe & Susie Yancey

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 13, 2017
10:00 AM Worship Service (S)
11:30 AM Deacon Meeting (CO)
1:30 PM Washington Mission Church (S)
2:30 PM Washington Mission Church (FH)
7:00 PM Hot Lanes Band Practice (S)
7:00 PM Session Meeting (CO)

Monday, August 14, 2017

Tuesday, August 15, 2017
11:30 AM Ladies Luncheon (Maggiano's Springfield)

Wednesday, August 16, 2017
8:30 PM Discussion Group AA (SB)

Thursday, August 17, 2017
6:45 PM Ladies Night Out AA (SB)

Friday, August 18, 2017
6:30 PM NA (SB)

Saturday, August 19, 2017
4:00 PM S.O.M.E./K.H.K. Set-Up (FH/K)
6:35 PM Potomac Nationals Game

(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:

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

Genesis 45:1-15
Psalm 133
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15: (10-20) 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.

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

The Session has called for a Special Congregational Meeting to be held **after the 10:00 am worship service this morning** 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.

Men's Luncheon: The Men of Kirkwood are invited to a luncheon at Milano's on **Tuesday, August 22** at noon. A sign-up sheet is in the commons area. For more information, contact Pastor Larry at pastor@kirkwoodpres.com

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.

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.

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 telobred@aol.com

S.O.M.E. Sandwich Making: **Next Sunday, August 20**, immediately after the worship service, volunteers will gather in the Fellowship Hall to prepare sandwiches for So Others May Eat. Contributions of bologna or sliced cheese are welcome and should be placed in the kitchen refrigerator. Join us for fellowship and to help feed the homeless.

GATHERING PRAYER

God of majesty and wonders: too often we seek you only in the spectacular and otherworldly. Open our eyes to see the many in-breakings of your kingdom in the everyday, ordinary things of life: in mustard seeds, yeast, treasures in fields, and fish gathered in nets. Remind us that all things work for good for those who love you and are called for your purpose. Amen.

HYMN

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

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WE PREPARE FOR THE WORD

CALL TO CONFESSION

~adapted from Genesis 45:4-5, 7, 10-11, 15

Beloved in Christ, let us confess our sins without fear to the One who yearns to embrace us, forgive us, protect us, and bless us. Let us pray...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

God of creatures great and small, Jesus teaches us the hiddenness and wonders of your realm. We seek you in the grandeur of palaces and in grandiose places of power and privilege. We distract ourselves with grand designs while you surprise us with the promise and potential of seed and yeast, fishnets, and surprise discoveries. Forgive us for we see, but do not understand; we listen but we do not hear. Open our lives to the Spirit's leading that we may seek your way, embrace your wisdom and discover anew the wonders and promise hidden in our very midst. Amen.

(moment of silence for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

~adapted from Genesis 45:5-15

Leader: Sisters and brothers, God embraces us with kindness, forgiving our sins, preserving our lives, and restoring our souls through the abundant provision of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

arr. Dennis Alexander

(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 PROPHETS

Ezekiel 17:1-8, 22-24

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(PLEASE STAND)

HYMN

Seek Ye First

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(PLEASE SIT)

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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SERMON

The Kingdom—Hidden in Plain Sight!

MUSICAL OFFERING

Amazing Grace

arr. Dennis Alexander
Traditional

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON)

~ A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

(PLEASE STAND)

HYMN

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

310 GTG

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

O Lord, Our Lord

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*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 Father

National Hymn/George Warren