



KIRKWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Psalm of the Day Psalm 133

¹How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

²It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

³It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

Household Prayer: Morning

Merciful God, this day is full of your possibilities for healing and reconciliation, for new beginnings and restored relationships. Unite my heart with your will so that your abundant anointing will flow through me. Send me now with your promised blessings to preserve the lives of those in need. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

God of the night watches, guard me from torment, release me from distress. Call me close to you and kiss me with favor that I may rest secure 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

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!

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SILENT REFLECTION

“The scandal of this parable is that we are all equal recipients of God's gifts. The scandal of our faith is that we are often covetous and jealous when God's gifts of forgiveness and life are given to others in equal measure.”
~ Karl Jacobson

WE GATHER TOGETHER

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

PRELUDE *In the Garden* Todd Kendall/C.Austin Miles

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 133 p. 539

TOLLING OF THE BELLS

WORDS OF WELCOME Joe Ross

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

CALL TO WORSHIP Joe Ross
~adapted from Psalm 133

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: How wonderful, how beautiful,
when God's children live as one.

People: **It is like the dew on Mount Hermon
flowing down the slopes of Zion.**

ALL: **This is where God's blessing is found and life is everlasting!**

Joys & Concerns

This Week's Birthdays:

Aug 21 Sandy Webster
Aug 23 Yvonne Taylor
Aug 23 Elizabeth Masho

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 20, 2017

S.O.M.E. (FH/K)
10:00 AM Worship Service (S)
1:30 PM Washington Mission Church (S)
2:00 PM Elder/Deacon Training (CO)
2:30 PM Washington Mission Church (FH)

Monday, August 21, 2017

Lamplighter Deadline
7:00 PM Pack 1140 Pack Meetings (FH)

Tuesday, August 22, 2017

12:00 PM Men's Luncheon (Milano's)

Wednesday, August 23, 2017

8:30 PM Discussion Group AA (SB)

Thursday, August 24, 2017

6:45 PM Ladies Night Out AA (SB)

Friday, August 25, 2017

6:00 PM KFFL Draft Set-Up (CO)
6:30 PM NA (SB)
7:30 PM KFFL Draft (CO)

Saturday, August 26, 2017

6:00 PM KFFL Draft Set-Up (CO)
7:30 PM KFFL Draft (CO)

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



Flowers this morning are given in celebration of Sandy Webster's big birthday!

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

Genesis 45:1-15
Psalm 133
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15: (10-20) 21-28

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

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.

S.O.M.E. Sandwich Making: Today immediately after the worship service, volunteers will gather in the Fellowship Hall to prepare sandwiches for So Others Might Eat. Please join us as we work to feed the hungry.

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 tclobred@aol.com.

September Lamplighter: If you would like to submit an article for the September Lamplighter newsletter, please send it to Anne at office.manager@kirkwoodpres.com no later than **Monday, August 21**.

Ladies Lunch: 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.

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."

GATHERING PRAYER

Generous God, you come to us again and again, no matter how late it is in the day or in our lives. Increase in us a generous spirit that we may worship and work side by side with joyful hearts. Help us to receive your justice and mercy as good news for all as your reign is made known among us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* 385 GTG

WE PREPARE FOR THE WORD

CALL TO CONFESSION ~adapted from Matt. 15:24-28; Gen. 45:15

Beloved in Christ, God's blessings know no boundaries that faith cannot cross. Let us trust in God's mercy, reach out for healing and receive reconciliation as we confess our sin with contrite hearts. Let us pray...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

God of abundant goodness, we confess that we want your grace for ourselves but often at the exclusion of others. We judge the efforts and worthiness of others while ignoring the faults in ourselves. As you teach us about your kingdom, we are openly enamored and yet quietly enraged. We are overtaken by jealousy and a deep sense of unfairness. We begrudge your generosity. Wake us up and turn us toward your loving-kindness which is lavished upon all. Forgive us as we seek your mercy that we may be more merciful to others. Give us the charitable spirit of your Son by whose grace all are saved and all are truly blessed. Amen.

(moment of silence for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON ~adapted from Romans 11:29-32

Leader: Sisters and brothers, God has forgiven us and drawn us close, reconciling us through Jesus Christ, who has lavished upon us the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

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)

A MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN

Maggie Snyder

*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 *Pastorale*

Giuseppe Sammartini/Patricia Lou Harris

(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

Isaiah 5:1-7

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(PLEASE STAND)

HYMN

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

649 GTG

(PLEASE SIT)

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

p. 854

SERMON

Begrudging God’s Bedeviling Grace?

MUSICAL OFFERING

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

COLLECT FOR THE DAY (UNISON)

~ The Book of Common Prayer

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen

(PLEASE STAND)

HYMN

For the Fruit of All Creation

36 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

Rondeau

Marc-Antoine Charpentier/Michael Ryan