

**Psalm of the Day
Psalm 149**

¹Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful.
²Let Israel be glad in its Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.
³Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.
⁴For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with victory.
⁵Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their couches.
⁶Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands,
⁷to execute vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples,
⁸to bind their kings with fetters and their nobles with chains of iron,
⁹to execute on them the judgment decreed. This is glory for all his faithful ones. Praise the Lord!

Household Prayer: Morning

O God of this and every morning, as I begin this day, call my name; as I step into this day, guide my feet; as I live this day, care for those I love; as I learn this day, teach me your ways. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

God of stars and planets, the setting sun ends this day for us as it rises on a new day for others. For us and for them, be light in every darkness. In Jesus' name. Amen.



*Flowers this morning are given by Grant and Greer
in celebration of Blake Larson's birthday.*



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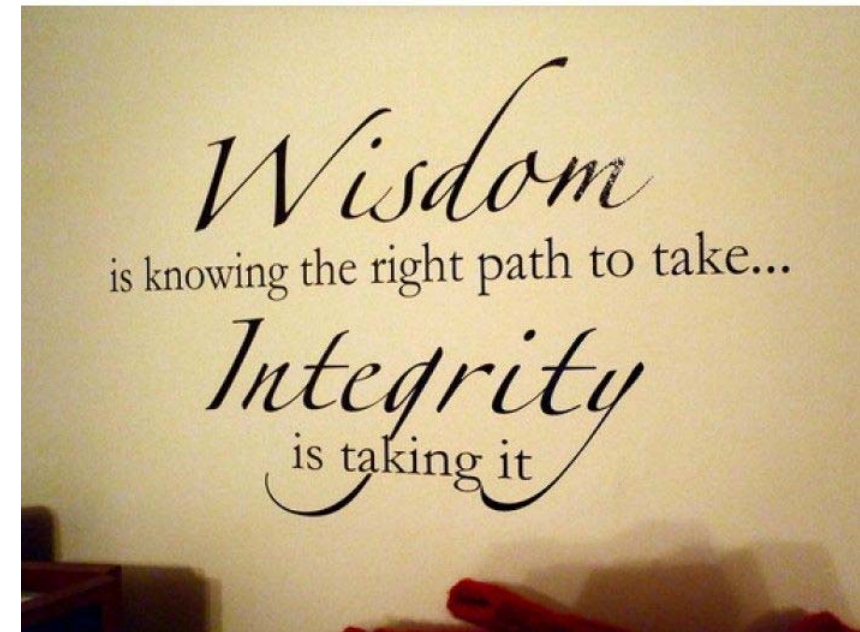
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*“Kirkwood Presbyterian Church is a joyful community of faith—
seeking, serving, and sharing Jesus Christ.”*

Kirkwood's Mission Statement

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SILENT REFLECTION

“Some folks are wise and some are otherwise.”

~ Tobias Smollett

WE GATHER TOGETHER

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

PRELUDE *Peace in My Soul* Tom Birchwood

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 149 p. 546

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES Acolytes

TOLLING OF THE BELLS

WORDS OF WELCOME Clydette Lobred

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

INTROIT *Be Thou My Vision* Irish Ballad

*Be thou my wisdom and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my soul's shelter,
and thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.*

CALL TO WORSHIP Clydette Lobred
~adapted from Psalm 149:1, 4, 5, 9b

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: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song,
People: **Sing God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.**
Leader: For the Lord takes pleasure in God's people.
People: **Let the faithful sing for joy.**
ALL: **Praise 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 under “Donate/School Supplies.”

Joys & Concerns

This Week's Birthdays:

Sept 10 Carin Hickey
Sept 11 Jackie Featherstone
Sept 12 Anne Myers
Sept 14 Bob Flory
Sept 15 Blake Larson

This Week's Anniversaries:

Sept 13 Jon & Merissa Larson

Special Concerns:

Dustin & Sherri Ellington and family,
mission workers in Zambia

Health & Personal Concerns:

Bob Flory
Bob Hemm
Dick Pape
Joan Reynolds
Dani Schwalb
Linda Pierce Knutson
Deanna Johnson's father
Abigail, daughter of Joan Reynolds' nephew
Dick Glymph, father of Amy Jennette
Hez Spinner, brother-in-law of Clydette Lobred
Jerrold Ross, brother of Joe Ross
Andrew Hanson, great nephew of Anne & Ron Cook

This Week at Kirkwood

Sunday, September 10, 2017

Communion Sunday - ECHO Collection
9:45 AM Adult Sunday School, Kids Rock
11:00 AM Worship Service (S)
11:15 AM Children's Sunday School
12:30 PM Deacon Meeting (CO)
1:30 PM Washington Mission Church (S)
2:30 PM Washington Mission Church (FH)
3:00 PM Carpe Diem Choir (CO)
4:00 PM Carpe Diem Choir (S)
7:00 PM Hot Lanes Band Practice (S)
7:00 PM Session Meeting (CO)

Monday, September 11, 2017

5:15 PM GS Troop 144 (FH)
5:15 PM GS Troop 52002 (CO)
6:00 PM Pack 1140 Den Meetings (CL)
6:30 PM Pack 1140 Den Meetings (SB)
7:30 PM Book Club (CO)
7:30 PM BSA Troop 1140 Committee Meeting (FH)
7:30 PM Worship Committee (P)

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

7:30 PM BSA Troop 1140 PLC Meeting (CO)

Wednesday, September 13, 2017

11:00 AM NARFE Chapter Meeting (FH/K)
7:00 PM BSA Troop 1140 Meeting (FH)
7:30 PM WEBS (CO)
8:30 PM Discussion Group AA (SB)

Thursday, September 14, 2017

6:30 PM Handbell Choir (SB)
6:30 PM Pack 1140 Den Meetings (FH)
6:45 PM Ladies Night Out AA (SB)
7:30 PM Chancel Choir (S)

Friday, September 15, 2017

6:30 PM NA (SB)

Saturday, September 16, 2017

5:30 PM S.O.M.E./K.H.K. Set-Up (FH/K)

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

Exodus 12:1-14
Psalm 149
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

Exodus 14:19-31
Psalm 114
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

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.

Welcome to the Lord's Table: Today, we gather to celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. At their parents' discretion, "Baptized children who are being nurtured and instructed in the significance of the invitation to the Table and the meaning of their response are invited to receive the Lord's Supper, recognizing that their understanding of participation will vary according to their maturity." *Gluten-free wafers are also available for those who have special dietary needs.*

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.

The next **Kirkwood bicycling group** event will include an easy 6-mile ride around Burke Lake, with the option to continue riding along a trail through the woods to and around Lake Mercer and back, totaling 13 to 14 miles. We will start off at 8:00 am on **Saturday, September 16** in the parking lot of the Burke Lake Golf Course (Hwy. 123: 7315 Ox Rd., Fairfax Station). Riders of all skill levels are welcome. Sign up in the church commons area or just meet us at the starting point.

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.

Hurricane Harvey Relief: The Session invites and encourages you to participate in a special offering during the month of September to support the efforts of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and their on-going relief and recovery efforts due to the impact of Hurricane Harvey. Please make checks payable to Kirkwood Presbyterian Church and note on the memo line "P.D.A. - Harvey."

Lynbrook Elementary Tutoring and Supply Drive: Kirkwood will have a group tutoring students at Lynbrook Elementary School here in Springfield. As a tutor, you will work one-on-one with a child to complete homework assignments, read, help with math, and give the children someone to talk with. We are also collecting school supplies for children at Lynbrook. Anything that you would find on an elementary school supply list is accepted, such as: wide-ruled notebook paper and notebooks, pencils, Elmer's glue, backpacks, etc. If you'd like to be part of this important outreach ministry, please contact Donna Ross at joeddy@aol.com.

GATHERING PRAYER

Good and Gracious God, gather us in as your faithful people; make us ready to hear your Word and embrace your wisdom. Guard our ways and guide our paths. Let us listen, for wisdom is calling; let us hold fast to her words and be blessed. Amen.

HYMN

O Sing to the Lord

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WE PREPARE FOR THE WORD

CALL TO CONFESSION

~adapted from Ezekiel 33:10, 11b

Beloved in Christ, burdened by the weight of our sin, we struggle to live in freedom and joy. Knowing that God merciful and forgiving, let us turn away from our sin and return to the God who loves us and brings us life. Let us pray...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Merciful God, wisdom calls out to us, warning and encouraging us at the crossroads of life. Yet, we ignore her voice. When we forsake our good character to join with those who scoff at your ways, forgive us; when we ignore your truth and turn away from your wisdom, forgive us; when we embrace sarcasm and cynicism and scorn integrity and faithfulness; forgive us. May the love of Christ, who is our Wisdom, flow through us into this world of mistrust, deception, and contempt that we might sow the seeds of righteousness, justice, and peace. Amen.

(moment of silence for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

~adapted from Romans 8:34; 13:12b

Leader: Sisters and brothers, who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ. And Christ died for us; Christ rose for us; Christ reigns in power for us; Christ prays for us. Laying aside the works of darkness, we live in the light of Christ.

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

(PLEASE STAND)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

We Are Forgiven

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*We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.*

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

Children ages 3 through 6th grade are dismissed at this time.

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 *Close to Thee* Silas J. Vail/Todd Kendall
(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 OLD TESTAMENT I Kings 3:5-12 p. 293

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(PLEASE SIT)

FROM THE PROVERBS

Proverbs 4:1-9

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SERMON

Get Wisdom!

ANTHEM

Open Your Ears, O Faithful People
Hasidic Melody/Willard F. Jabusch

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 *God of Grace and God of Glory* 307 GTG

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* 12 GTG

*Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.*

POSTLUDE

My Faith Transformed
Lani Smith