



The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 18, 2022
10:30 a.m.

Announcements for the Week of September 18, 2022

Visitors: Blessings! We are glad you are worshiping with us. We understand that visiting churches can be a daunting task, and we feel blessed that you have joined us today. If you are willing, please fill out a visitor card in your pew and place it in the offering plate, so we can welcome you personally.

ALL ARE
WELCOME
HERE

Children's Worship: Children ages 3 years - 2nd grade are invited to go with Ms. Dana after the Children's Sermon for Children's Worship.

Children & Youth Sunday Schools, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.: Dana Augur is teaching the K-2nd grade class, and Brad Renken is teaching the 3rd-5th grade class. Jeff Kemp is teaching youth. **If you are willing to be a substitute or alternate or full-time volunteer, please let Caroline McCormick know. Substitutes are greatly needed.**

Music Note: Handbells and the Adult Choir started back **Sept. 14**. In the choir room on Wednesday, handbells meets at 6:30 p.m., and the Adult Choir meets at 7:15 p.m. If you can help with either, please come. No experience needed.



Children's choir resumes immediately after the service today.

The Adult Sunday School Class has begun Common Ground Talking About Gun



Violence in America by Donald V. Gaffney. "Gaffney, invites readers to consider their own and America's troubled relationship with gun violence and culture." **It's not too late to join in!**

Upcoming Events

- Sept. 18 - Children's Choir rehearsal, 11:30 a.m.
- Sept. 19 - Presbyterian Women, 10:30 a.m.
- Sept. 19 - Session Meeting, 7 p.m.
- Sept. 20 - Coffee with Catherine
- Sept. 22 - AA/ Al Anon meetings, 8 p.m.
- Sept. 23 - AA Generation Next meeting, 8 p.m.
- Sept. 27 - NO Coffee with Catherine - cancelled
- Oct. 2 - CRASE Course, 3 p.m.
- Oct. 4 - Coffee with Catherine
- Oct. 6 - AA/Al Anon, 8 p.m.
- Oct. 7 - AA Generation Next, 8 p.m.
- Oct. 11 - Coffee with Catherine



Big Kirkwood Shout Out to all who brought water to the church last week to send to our brothers and sisters in Summerville and Chattooga County. Thanks to the generosity of all who donated, no more donations are needed at this time. As these situations are dynamic and unpredictable, we will let you know of additional needs as they arise. Let's all continue to **pray** as these rural communities work to recover from the floods.



Presbyterian Women: Meetings will resume at **10:30 a.m. Monday, Sept. 19**, and lunch will be served. Please note that subsequent meetings will be on the third Monday each month. The group meets in the adults' classroom on the middle floor. This year's Bible Study book, "Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight," will be available to purchase for \$11. Checks can be made out to Kirkwood Presbyterian Women.

Coffee with the Pastor, Tuesdays at 10:30a.m. – Catherine invites you to a time of coffee, tea, and fellowship in the Middle Fellowship Hall.



Church Newsletter: If you'd like to keep up with news from church, please sign up for our weekly e-newsletter, the Kirkwood Kconnection, by using the QR code below or by emailing kirkwoodpc@kirkwoodpc.org.

CRASE – Kirkwood is hosting a 'Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events' course on Sunday, October 2 at 3 p.m. This course is intended for adults and mature teens. There is no fee to attend.

Today's Cover Art: Dore, Gustave. *Abraham Journeying Into the Land of Canaan*. 1866. Wood-engraving from *La Grande Bible de Tours*

GIVING UPDATE

YTD (through July 2022)

Gifts \$127,444.60

Expenses \$127,303.49

Net \$141.11

*Please stand, in body or in spirit.
Words in *italics* are to be sung.
Words in **bold** are to be read.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

VOLUNTARY

The God of Abraham Praise

Anna Laura Page

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Morgan Hayden, Liturgist

Step by step, no looking back,

eyes to the future, a nation to be built or reformed.

Abram answered God's call, he put his trust in God.

Let us put our trust in God to be our guide, wherever that may take us.

Let us worship the Lord and be blessed.

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN

O God, Our Help in Ages Past (v. 1-4)

210 (blue)

1. O God, *our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,*
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home.
2. *Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,*
From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.
3. *A thousand ages in Thy sight are like an evening gone.*
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.
4. *Time, like an ever-rolling stream, soon bears us all away.*
We fly, forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

CALL TO CONFESSION & SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Lee McCormick

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Children's Baptismal Vows

After the children's sermon, children ages 3-2nd grade may go with Ms. Dana.

ANTHEM

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Mark Schweizer

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 12:1-9

This is the word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Rev. Catherine Renken

***HYMN**

He Leadeth Me (v. 1-2)

690 (red)

1. He leadeth me! O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught!

Whate'er I do, where'er I be. Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

*[Refrain] He leadeth me, He leadeth me; By His own hand He leadeth me. His faithful follower I
would be, for by His hand He leadeth me.*

*2. Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ever murmur nor repine. Content, whatever lot I
see, Since 'tis Thy hand that leadeth me.*

*[Refrain] He leadeth me, He leadeth me; By His own hand He leadeth me. His faithful follower I
would be, for by His hand He leadeth me.*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

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 this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

The offering plate will be passed in the service.
To give electronically, visit: www.kirkwoodpc.org/give

OFFERTORY

God is Here

arr. Heidi Hanz

***DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN**

God Be with You

232 (red)

- 1 God be with you till we meet again. By His counsel's guide, uphold you, With His sheep
securely fold you, God be with you till we meet again.*
- 2 God be with you till we meet again, 'Neath His wings protecting hide you, Daily manna still
provide you, God be with you till we meet again.*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Blest be the God of Israel

Ralph Vaughn Williams



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