

**KIRKWOOD**  
**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)**  
Kennesaw, GA



**The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**  
August 7, 2022  
10:30 a.m.

# Announcements for the Week of August 7

**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.

**Children's Worship:** Children ages 3 years thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to go with Ms. Dana after the Children's Sermon for Children's Worship.

**Casual Choir:** Love to sing! Please come forward and join the Casual Choir

during worship. No practice or signup needed. Heidi chooses familiar songs and music sheets are at the end of the choir loft when you come forward to sing. Today, the Casual Choir will sing "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" v.1, 2, 3 150 (blue). Just come up after the Children's Sermon as Heidi plays. All are welcome!

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



**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.

**Summer Picnic & Games** - Join us Sunday, **August 28**, following the worship service for our annual summer picnic and outdoor games! We will have lunch in the Lower Fellowship Hall about **11:30**. The church will provide hotdogs, lemonade, and water. Each household is asked to bring a dish to add to the meal. Please dress comfortably or bring a change of clothes. We will have a variety of games including cornhole toss and bocce ball!

**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. Anyone who wants a copy before the meeting date should contact Susan Miles. Checks can be made out to Kirkwood Presbyterian Women.

## Upcoming Events

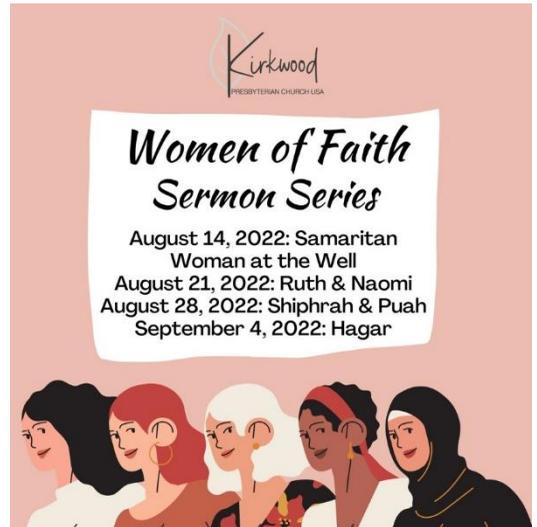
**August 9** – Coffee with the Pastor, 10:30 a.m.

**August 28** – Summer Picnic & Games

**September 11** – Adult Sunday School resumes, 9:30 a.m.

**September 19** – Presbyterian Women, 10:30

**Adult Sunday School: Beginning September 11**, at **9:30 a.m.**, the adult Sunday School Classes will resume by studying *Common Ground- Talking About Gun Violence in America* by Donald V. Gaffney. The Director of Disaster Assistance for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Laurie A. Kraus, says "transparently speaking from his own social and cultural location as a white Christian clergyman who both owns firearms and is a committed activist in the movement to end gun violence, Gaffney, invites readers to consider their own and America's troubled relationship with gun violence and culture." Since this series will be a discussion format it will be helpful to read the chapter in advance.



**Greenlight Acting Studios Presents Pulitzer-Prize Winning August: Osage County**  
Come see our own Jonathan Taylor, in a compelling new production of Tracy Letts' Pulitzer Prize-winning play, running **August 17-28** at the Stage Door Theatre in Dunwoody, GA. Tickets are \$40. Group rates and senior discounts are available. Proceeds help to support Atlanta Recover Place. Reserve your ticket at [AugustOsageCounty.com/tickets](http://AugustOsageCounty.com/tickets).

**Thank you, Kirkwood!** Thank you to all the volunteers who helped Kirkwood host Family Promise of Cobb County the last week of July! And thank you to the donors and volunteers who packed 450 bags, each with a week's worth of breakfasts, snacks, and lunches for the MUST Summer Lunch Program to feed children in Cobb County!

**YEAR-TO-DATE  
GIVING UPDATE**

YTD (through June 2022)

Gifts 107,310.80

Expenses 110,501.76

Net -3,190.96

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

AUGUST 7, 2022

\*Please stand if you are able.

*Words in italics are to be sung.*

**Words in bold are to be read.**

VOLUNTARY

Christians We Have Met to Worship

Don Schlosser

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Peter Redmond, Liturgist

“O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

**You know when I sit down and when I rise up;**

You discern my thoughts from far away.

**You search out my path and my lying down,**

And are acquainted with all my ways.

**Even before a word is on my tongue,**

O LORD, you know it completely.”

**We worship You, O God,**

For you know us through and through.

### \*OPENING PRAYER

### \*HYMN

The Church's One Foundation (v. 1,2,4)

442 (blue)

*1. The church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is His new creation,  
By water and the Word.*

*From heaven,  
He came and sought her  
To be His holy bride.  
With His own blood*

*He bought her,  
And for her life He died.*

*2. Elect from every nation,  
Yet one over all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation  
One Lord, one faith, one birth.*

*One holy name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses,  
With every grace endued.*

*4. Mid toil and tribulation,  
And tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace forevermore.  
Till, with the vision glorious,  
Her longing eyes are blest.  
And the great church victorious,  
Shall be the church at rest.*

## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION (from the Confession of 1967)

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind.  
Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness.  
But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant,  
wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people.  
The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer  
is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*RESPONSE

Glory Be to the Father  
*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

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

After the children's sermon, children ages 3-2<sup>nd</sup> grade may go with Ms. Dana.  
The Casual Choir may come to the choir loft at this time.

CASUAL CHOIR            Come, Christians Join to Sing (v.1,2,3)            150 (blue)

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE

Revelation 21:1-7

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

### SERMON

The Rev. Catherine Renken

**Myth to Bust: The Rapture**

### \*HYMN

Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart (v.1,2,3)

420 (blue)

*1. Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!  
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.  
Rejoice! rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!*

2. *Yes, on through life's long path, Still chanting as ye go;  
From youth to age, by night and day, In gladness and in woe.  
Rejoice! rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!*

3. *At last the march shall end; The wearied ones shall rest;  
The pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest.  
Rejoice! rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!*

### **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and  
buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

Be Still My Soul

John Purifoy

**\*DOXOLOGY** Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

*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**



### **SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**



**INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

## GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

... let us continue to pray as Jesus taught us saying,

**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.**

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Let Us Break Bread Together

arr. Heidi Hanz

*You may partake of the elements as you are served. A gluten-free option is available.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\*HYMN

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing (v. 1,2)

538 (blue)

*1. Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing,  
Fill our hearts with joy and peace.*

*Let us each Thy love possessing,  
Triumph in redeeming grace.*

*O, refresh us, o, refresh us,  
Traveling through this wilderness.*

*2. Thanks we give and adoration  
For Thy gospel's joyful sound.*

*May the fruits of Thy salvation  
In our hearts and lives abound.*

*Ever faithful, ever faithful,  
To the truth may we be found.*

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Soon and Very Soon

Andre Crouch



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