WORSHIP AT THE KIRK

November 1st, 2026 • 10:00 AM

All Saints' Day

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER

Prelude — Lyndell Leatherman

Greetings and Announcements — Rev. Scott White

Choral Introit — *In This Very Room* — Harris

*Call to Worship — Bob Stewart

Blessed are those who trust in God, whose hope rests in God's faithfulness.

We come to worship the God who gives and sustains life.

They shall be like trees planted by water, sending out their roots toward the stream.

Root us deeply in your love, O God.

In every season, God nourishes us, and calls us to reach toward one another.

May the good we receive become good for others, too.

Come, let us worship God! — Jeremiah 17:7-8, *adapted*

*Hymn — *Light Dawns on a Weary World* — No. 79

*Invitation to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

you have given us life and called us to share its blessings with one another.

Yet we confess that we do not always hear the cries of those who struggle.

We sometimes protect our own comfort without regard for the needs of others.

We accept arrangements that diminish the lives of our neighbors,

as though they were inevitable.

And even in doing good, we may overlook those whose lives should matter to us.

Forgive us, O God.

Open our ears to the voices we have failed to hear.

Turn us again toward one another.

And renew us in the good life you intend for all;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

… The God who forgives us is already making possible the renewed life we are called to share.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you!

*Response — *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* — No. 582

WE HEAR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, open the Scriptures to us, and open us to your living Word.

Teach us to hear your truth, even in voices we have failed to hear before.

Give us grace to receive your Word,

and courage to live the good life you intend for all. Amen.

Bible Reading — *The outcry of the poor* — Nehemiah 5:1-13

Message — *"The Poor—God and Their Outcry"* — Scott White

Part 6 of *Ancient Stories, Living Word*

Music for Reflection — Lyndell Leatherman

WE ARE FED, WE RESPOND, AND WE ARE SENT

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table, Responsive

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God. We come to this Table as people still learning to live in the ways of God—sometimes getting things wrong, sometimes finding our way back, always in need of grace.

And we do not come alone. We come in communion with the saints of every time and place—with those who taught us faith, those who showed us love, and those whose names we hold in our hearts today.

The common life God gives us is larger than the people we can presently see.

Here, Christ welcomes us into that larger life. Here, we receive again the grace that nourishes us, restores us to one another, and gives us hope for the future.

God's faithfulness reaches farther than any one generation can see.

Come, then, to this Table.

The feast is ready, and Christ welcomes us.

Anthem *Bread of the World* McDonald
The Kirk Choir James Levy, Director

Prayer, Breaking of the bread, Pouring of the cup

The Lord's Supper Cathy Broockerd, William Lenz, Bob Stewart

Moment of Gratitude and Invitation Deacons of Care and Compassion

Stewardship Moment Operations Team

Prayer, and The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn *For All the Saints* No. 326

*Benediction

*Response *May the God of Hope Go with Us* No. 765

*Postlude **Please stand in body or spirit.*

For Reflection

- What might God be saying to us through voices we have not yet learned to hear?
- What gifts have you received from God that might become blessings for your neighbors, too?

Coming Up: *Ancient Stories, Living Word* continues

This autumn, we return to some of the great stories of the Hebrew Scriptures. They are ancient stories of prayer and courage, suffering and faithfulness, power and truth, failure and mercy, enemies and neighbors, promise and hope.

We will listen again—not merely for what they meant long ago, but for the living Word of God among us now.

The Kirk

Community Minded; Loving & Serving

Ancient Stories, Living Word

"The Poor—God and Their Outcry"

Kirk Staff

Rev. Scott M. White, Pastor **Michelle Phillips**, Dir. of Ed. & Cong. Ministries
James Levy, Director of Music **Lyndell Leatherman,** Accompanist
Cathy Broockerd, Assistant Administrator **Alyssa Teen**, Office Administrator
Rev. Clayton A. Cook, Pastor Emeritus

Welcome to

The Kirk of Kansas City

Sunday Services

9:00 AM	9:15 AM	10:00 AM	11:00 am	11:15 AM
Adult Study with Clay Cook	*Choir Rehearsal*	*Worship Service*	*Coffee & Fellowship*	*Called Session Meeting*

Serving Today

Open & Close
John Tucker

Audio & Visual
Wendy Erwin & Dan Hamann

Liturgist
Bob Stewart

Usher
John Tucker

Greeter
Martha Gonzales

Fellowship
Michelle Phillips

Communion Preparers & Clean Up
Susan Combs & Carlton Combs

Communion Servers
Bill Lenz, Cathy Broockerd, Bob Stewart

This Week

KC A Cappella
November 1st @ 1:30 pm

Choir Rehearsal
November 4th @ 6:30 pm

Presbyterian Women's Group
November 5th @ 1:00 pm
Knox Forum

Coffee&Conversation
November 6th @ 10:00 am

Trinity Jazz & Harvest Gathering Luncheon
November 8th

Upcoming Events

Service Team Meeting
November 10th @ 2:00 pm
Library

Harvesters
November 12th @ 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Meet at The Kirk at 1:00 pm to carpool

Presbytery Meeting
November 14th @ 9:30 am
Central Presbyterian in KCMO is hosting

Pledge Dedication Sunday
November 15th

Kirk Bag Day
November 15th
Please bring non-perishable food and hygiene products for the Grandview Assistance Program.