



WARD PARKWAY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JESUS REPLIED: ““**LOVE THE**
LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR **HEART**
AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL
YOUR MIND. THIS IS THE **FIRST AND**
GREATEST COMMANDMENT. **AND THE**
SECOND IS LIKE IT: **“LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR**
AS YOURSELF.”
MATTHEW
22:37-
39

Reformation Sunday
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 25, 2026

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WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE □

PRELUDE

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WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We are here to worship God.

We are here to love God with our hearts, souls, and minds.

We are here as Christ's body.

We are neighbors, seeking to love each other.

The Holy Spirit brings us in, so we can be sent out again.

We are here to worship and to be transformed.

Let us worship the Triune God!

*HYMN

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" #35

*CALL TO RECONCILIATION

*PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

Holy God, we are good at following rules while neglecting the heart and soul of your commandments. We place ourselves with the righteous while sitting among the scoffers. We seek approval from friends, family, and others whose opinions we value, forgetting that we are called to please you above all. You call us to be holy, but we settle for self-righteousness. You call us to be impartial, but we don't shed our biases.

You call us to love our neighbors, but we're satisfied keeping them at arm's length. You created us to love you with soul, heart, and mind, but we hold back parts of ourselves. Have mercy on us, God. Reconcile with us. Watch over our ways, redirect our paths, and help us love you and each other with abandon — heart, soul, and mind. Make us instruments of reconciliation and transformation for the world, as we seek to follow your law of love, made known to us in Jesus the Christ, amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Family of faith, I don't know what this past week has looked like for you, but I do know this: God has a seat saved for you at the table. And that's true even if you overlooked your neighbor, even if you doubted God's love for you, even if you chose scarcity over abundance, or fear over joy. God has a seat saved for you. Trusting this good news, join me in the words of forgiveness:
We are known. We are loved. We are forgiven. We begin again. Thanks be to God for such love.

*RESPONSE

"We Are Forgiven" #447

HOLY INTERRUPTION

LISTENING FOR THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM

"Refuge and Strength"

Mark Hayes
Text based on Psalm 46:1-7

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 22:34-46

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

SERMON

"All You Need is Love"
Reverend Nancy Tuma

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

*HYMN

"Sacred the Body" #27

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(adapted from the Confession of Belhar)

We believe in one holy, universal christian church, and the unity of the communion of saints of the entire human family. And we believe that this unity of the people of God must be manifest and active, in that we love one another; that we give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another, that we share one baptism together, that we eat of one bread and drink of one cup together, that we confess one name, one Lord, for one cause, with one hope, which is the height and the breadth and the depth and the love of Christ, forever and ever. 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.

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Eternal God, you have called us to be members of one body. You have called us to bring all of our gifts - time, talent, and treasure - to you joyfully, and at this time we do so. Please bless each of our gifts so that each may bring glory to you. In your everlasting name we pray. Amen.

SENDING IN GOD'S LOVE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" #729

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

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To donate in person, please use the offering plate by the sanctuary doors.

We appreciate your support!



Welcome!

WELCOME TO WARD PARKWAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

No matter if you have just discovered us or have been coming for a long time, we are excited you are with us today. It doesn't matter where you are on your faith journey or where you are in your life. It's okay if you are asking questions or are unsure of what you believe.

If you need help carrying your problems, we are here to walk with you and help you carry them. If you are loving all that life brings, we want to share joy with you. We love God and take Jesus' call to love our neighbor seriously.

We gather each week to sing praises to God, read scripture, and share stories. We connect the stories to our lives through sermons and prayer, finding this can bring new meaning into our life. This helps us grow and deepen our faith. After church we share conversation and time with each other. We would love to have you join us so we can get to know you and hear your story (when you want to share).

If you are curious about trying something different and getting involved in one of our many programs, missions, or membership at Ward Parkway Presbyterian, please don't hesitate to ask any of us or Pastor Nancy. She also welcomes any questions you might have.

Church Office hours vary.

Visits with Pastor Nancy can be arranged.

***Contact her by calling 816-361-2200, Option 1 or email
pastor@wppresbyterian.org.***

***Contact the church office at 816-361-2200, Option 2 or
office@wppresbyterian.org.***

***If you would like to receive our weekly "News from the Pews" newsletter,
please send the office your email.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events

Men's Bible Study Tuesday, Oct. 27 @ 6:40 am (Holy Grounds)

Yoga Tuesday, Oct. 27 and Thursday, Oct. 29 @ 9:30 am (Parlor)

Choir Rehearsal Wednesday, Oct. 28 @ 7:00 pm (Sanctuary)

Choir Rehearsal Sunday, Nov. 1 @ 9:30 am (Sanctuary)

Welcome Carolina Segales!

We welcome Carolina Segales, our guest pianist today! Carolina is a second-year DMA student at the UMKC Conservatory pursuing a degree in Piano Performance. When not at the Conservatory teaching, practicing, and coaching, Carolina treasures time with her family—husband Benjamin, daughter Carolina, tiny chihuahua Margarita, and newly added orange tabby kitty named Mochi!

Pastor Appreciation

Pastor Appreciation Month is celebrated every October to honor pastors for teaching, leadership, and congregational care. It began in the early 1990s and traces its biblical roots to New Testament instructions to honor church leaders (1 Timothy 5:17 and 1 Thessalonians 5:12–13). Please take a moment to thank Pastor Nancy.

Stewardship and 2027 Pledge

October is Stewardship month, when we reflect on our current and future giving and develop the 2027 budget and plans for our church. Please save us the high cost of postage by picking up your stewardship packet in the sanctuary entrance.

The Universal Christ Book Study

Our study of The Universal Christ by Richard Rohr continues on Mondays, November 2nd and 16th at 3:30 pm in the church parlor. Pastor Nancy leads the study.

Pumpkin Patch!

We are in the middle of our pumpkin patch fundraiser. Money made from this will help with our missions to Argentine Baby Closet, Covenant Presbyterian Food Pantry, and Crosslines. We are open Mon-Fri from 2 to 6, Saturdays from 9 to 6, and Sundays noon to 6. Tell your friends and family. To work any day throughout the sale, use the link in *News from the Pews*.

News from the Pews

Always refer to our weekly publication, *News from the Pews*, for additional announcements. If you are not receiving it and would like to, contact the church office. An easy way to see the current issue is to go to our website, wppckc.org, and click on the **Check out our weekly newsletter** button.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Church members:

Kay & Tom Bode
Diane & Karol Good
Sarah Guthrie
Jean Horst
Mark Ihde
Diana Justus

Richard Lazarus
Jan Liepsner
Family of James Lusk
Shirley Lytle
Frank Riley
Pat & Karen Wiederaenders

Former church members:

Ginny & Neil Williams

Friends and family:

Jesse Amos - friend of Bob Liepsner
Tony Beyer and Story Haven - our new worshipping community
Mary Kay Bohnenblust - friend of Pastor Nancy
Doug Burford - former WPPC Pastor
Cleone Crossette - mother of Scott Crossette
Richard Dally - friend of Pastor Nancy
Carlin Holton & family on the death of Kay Entenza, Carlin's abuela
Ralph Ford - friend of Joanie Caulfield
Sarah Jackson - mother of Rev. Dale Jackson, our Executive Presbyterian
Caryn Kanel - sister of Cheryl Adam
Leo Kanel - child of Cheryl Adam's sister, Caryn
Shane Keith and Family - grandson of Marge Frauenfelder
Holly Eleck Michalke - friend of Cheryl Adam
Didi Lazarus - brother of Richard Lazarus
Elaina Lee and family - friends of Joanie Caulfield
Michael, and his mother, Anya - friends of Diana Justus
Hannah Naumann - kitchen manager at Cross-Lines
Cameron Smith - son of Trish Smith
Sonya Struthers - mother of Heather Mleynek
C.W. & Diane Vaughn - friends of Marge Frauenfelder
Sue Williams - friend of Cheryl Adam
Tom Woldt - friend of Pastor Nancy

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Minister: Rev. Nancy Tuma

Director of Music: Cheryl Adam

Guest Pianist: Carolina Segales

Organist: Mark Ihde

Choir Section Leaders: Robin Deimerly, Carlin Holton

Liturgist:

AV Team: Steve and Hans Guthrie, Lynne & Scott Crossette, Stephen Ferris, John Park

Nursery Attendant: Trish Smith