WARD PARKWAY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 8, 2026

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

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**

The word of God came to Jonah.
The word of God comes to us:
go
despite your fears
speak
the truth of God
love
your neighbor and your enemy
forgive
as you have been forgiven
receive
grace upon grace overflowing from the fullness of God.

***HYMN**

"Bring Many Names" #760

***CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

***PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION**

Forgiving God, like Jonah we resist when asked to tell the story. We find it hard to confess the name of Jesus. We are awkward and feel inadequate. But you have called us to speak and to act. Like Simon and Andrew, James and John, help us rise up and follow wherever you lead. Lord of surprising light, make us your followers. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends and family of faith, hear this good news: you don't have to be perfect to be a saint. You just have to be the person God created you to be. God's grace is abundant, and it is for you. Nothing can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Thanks be to God for such love!
Amen.

***RESPONSE**

"Change My Heart, O God" #695

HOLY INTERRUPTION

LISTENING FOR THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM

"By Our Love"
by Peter Scholtes
Arr. by Gregg Sewell

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

"Open the Eyes of My Heart" #452

SCRIPTURE READING

Reading from the Book of Jonah

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

SERMON

"The Stories We Tell"
Reverend Dale Jackson

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

***HYMN**

"Lonely the Boat" #185

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**

"I Love to Tell the Story" #462

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

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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, Nov. 10 @ 6:40 am (Holy Grounds)
Yoga Tuesday, Nov. 10 and Thursday, Nov. 12 @ 9:30 am (Parlor)
Choir Rehearsal Wednesday, Nov. 11 @ 7:00 pm (Sanctuary)
Men's Breakfast Saturday, Nov. 14 @ 7:30 am (Westport First Watch)
Choir Rehearsal Sunday, Nov. 15 @ 9:30 am (Sanctuary)
Universal Christ Book Study Monday, Nov. 16 @ 3:30 pm (Parlor)

Welcome Reverend Dale Jackson!

Rev. Jackson was raised in Wichita, Kansas. After graduating from high school, his parents and sister moved to the small town of Marion, Kansas. Later, he also moved there while completing his course work at a small liberal arts college. At his and his sister's urging, their family learned about Presbyterians, joined the local congregation, and he found his true spiritual home.
Rev. Jackson has served churches in Indiana, Illinois, and Missouri and has worked for the PCUSA national offices and for a time with the Presbyterian Association of Musicians.
In the fall of 2012, Dale and his partner, Dennis Cobb, celebrated a civil union on Magic Island, Honolulu, Hawaii. He love the theater, cooking, and firmly believe that chocolate makes all things better!

Welcome Carolina Segales!

We are fortunate to have Carolina Segales back as our guest pianist today! And you may notice a new member of our choir. This is Carolina's daughter, Carolina (Carito)! What a talented family!

Stewardship and 2027 Pledge

Please pick up your stewardship packets in the sanctuary entrance. We will mail these to those who have not picked them up. **November 15th** will be **Pledge Sunday. P**lease return your pledges that day or anytime before.

The Universal Christ Book Study

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

Chorus Kansas City, Friday, December 18

Join Chorus Kansas City (with our own Cheryl Adam) and the Kansas City Chamber Singers for **The Gifts: Gifts We Cannot Unwrap**, a heartwarming holiday concert at the Folly Theater on Friday, December 18, 2026, 7:00 pm at the historic Folly Theatre in downtown Kansas City. Use the QR code for tickets, but do it quickly as tickets are selling fast!

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 Presbyter
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

Guest Minister: *Rev. Dale Jackson*
Director of Music: *Cheryl Adam*
Guest Pianist: *Carolina Segales*
Organist: *Mark Ihde*
Choir Section Leaders: *Robin Deimerly, Carlin Holton*
Liturgist: *Rev. Nancy Tuma*
AV Team: *Steve and Hans Guthrie, Lynne & Scott Crossette, Stephen Ferris, John Park*
Nursery Attendant: *Trish Smith*