WARD PARKWAY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Reign of Christ Sunday
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 22, 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

"Für Elise"
Ludwig von Beethoven

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth.
Worship YHWH with gladness and come into God's presence with singing.
Know that the Lord is God.
God made us, and we belong to our Creator; we are YHWH's people and the sheep of God's pasture.
Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and the courts of the Lord with praise.
Give thanks to God; bless YHWH's name.
For the Lord is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations.

***HYMN**

"All People That on Earth Do Dwell" #385

***CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

***PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION**

We admit, God, that many times we aren't thinking of you. We see a homeless person, and we are scared. We applaud when a prison door is locked shut. We hear about people dying of thirst, and we change the channel. We don't protest when the poor are hungry and die in our neighborhoods. We buy clothes we want, fill our refrigerators, and forget about you and your call. We enjoy our friends, the people we know, and ignore a newcomer. We come to church and say we love you best of all. Forgive us and reconcile with us, God. Be near us always, that we may never forget your call when people are hungry, homeless, sick, or afraid. May we remember that our love for you is connected and part of our love for the world and its people. We live in hope that with you, we can create heaven on earth, where your will and justice will reign. In Christ, through Christ, and with Christ, we pray, 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

"Rejoice, the Lord is King!"
Grace Chang, piano; Emma Andersen, violin
arranged by Dan Forrest
text by Charles Wesley

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

"Open the Eyes of My Heart" #452

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:31-46

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

SERMON

"Humble and Kind"
Reverend Nancy Tuma

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

***HYMN**

"Joy to the World" #134

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 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**

"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples" #757

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

"Sonata No 8 "Pathetique" Mvt 2"
Ludwig von Beethoven

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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. 24 @ 6:40 am (Holy Grounds)
Yoga Tuesday, Nov. 24 @ 9:30 am (Parlor)
NO Choir Rehearsal Wednesday, Nov. 25 @ 7:00 pm
American Red Cross Blood Drive Friday, Nov. 27, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Game Night Friday, Nov. 27 @ 6:00 pm
Grace's Piano Studio Recital Saturday, Nov. 28 @ 1:00 pm (Sanctuary)
Choir Rehearsal Sunday, Nov. 29 @ 9:30 am (Sanctuary)
The Universal Christ Book Study Monday, Nov. 30 @ 3:30 pm (Parlor)
Advent Study Wednesday, Dec. 2 @ 5:30 pm (Parlor)
UMKC A Season for Giving concert Saturday, Dec. 5 @ 7:30 pm
UMKC Campus Band & Chamber Singers concert Monday, Dec. 7 @ 7:30 pm

The Universal Christ Book Study, Monday, November 30

Our study of The Universal Christ by Richard Rohr will finish up on Monday, November 30th at 3:30 pm in the church parlor. We will be talking about Chapter 17 and the afterward. It has been an eye opening and wonder invoking read.

Advent Study begins Wednesday, December 2

We will be doing a three-week study of Jesus' birth story from Matthew and Luke. We will meet for a soup supper at 5:30 pm, beginning Wednesday, December 2, and finish by 6:50 pm (in time for choir). If you are interested, please feel free to join us.

Piano Recitals, November 28 & December 12

Grace's Piano Studio will be hosting two piano student recitals here at WPPC in the next 3 weeks! The first one will be on Nov 28th at 1:00 pm, the second is Dec 12th at 1:00 pm. The Nov recital will be shorter with less Christmas music, BUT, Grace will be performing a solo work alongside her students! The second recital will have more students and more Christmas music!! Everyone is welcome to come enjoy and cheer on some adorable little kids showcase their hard work!.

UMKC Conservatory Campus Band & Chamber Singers concert, December 7

Save the date! December 7th, 7:30 PM. These ensembles will be giving a joint concert in White Recital Hall (James C. Olson Performing Arts Center, 4949 Cherry St., KCMO). Dan Hinrichs (trombone) and Cheryl Adam (tenor sax) are members of the band. This will be a delightfully varied evening of music! For tickets, please use the QR code provided here or visit https://umkcconservatory.universitytickets.com.

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

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