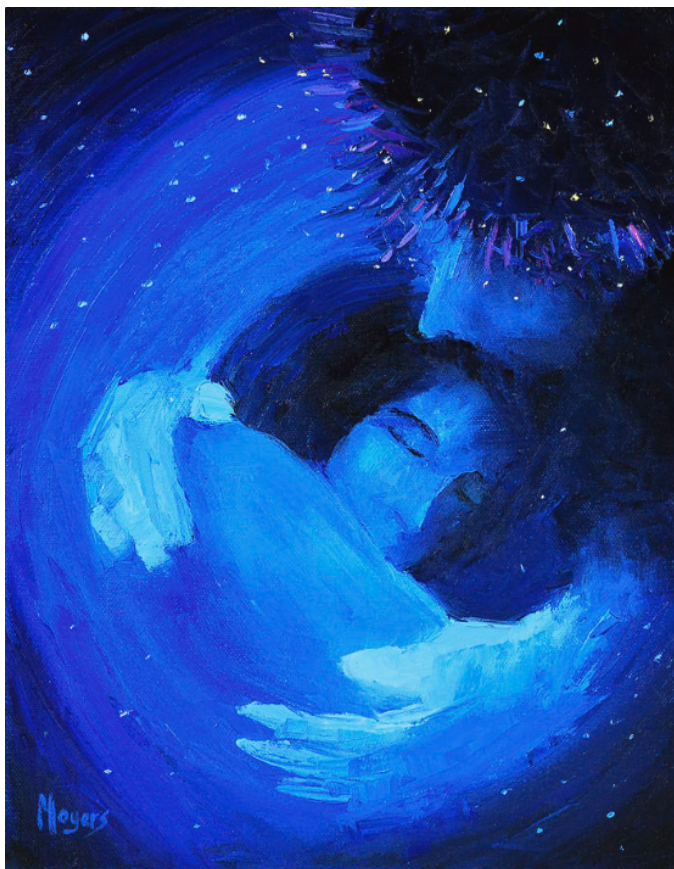




WARD PARKWAY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



All Saints' Day **30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

November 1, 2026

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WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE □

PRELUDE

"Chopin Prelude No. 4 Largo"

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

("Where I Saw God Last" by Rev. Sarah A. Speed)

The dimple in your right cheek, the child playing peek a-boo from his stroller, the abuelita who spends her afternoons in the park, the teenagers on the bus who can't control their laughter, Neil, my neighbor, who always asks about you, the mother who whispers a dozen times a day.

Thank you, Jesus, thank you, Jesus, thank you, Jesus.

The saxophone player at the corner, the poets, the artists, the garden volunteers; the Uber driver who sticks his head out the window to make sure we're all aboard, the man who gave up his seat on the streetcar, the kid in the dinosaur pajamas who can't be convinced they're not school attire, the teachers, the nurses, the school bus drivers, the woman at the end of the block with her yappy dogs and her books in the window, the lovers that lay sprawled out on park blankets, the runners, the daydreamers, the sidewalk chalk artists; John from upstairs whose favorite flowers are yellow tulips, the Persian man at the grocery who tells me to be safe when I leave, my grandmother in Georgia, my neighbor, the stranger.

Thank you, Jesus, thank you, Jesus, thank you, Jesus.

*HYMN

"For All the Saints"

#326

*CALL TO RECONCILIATION

*PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

Holy God, we want to make you proud. We want to hide our faults so no one can see them. We want to be worthy of sainthood, but you know our faults. You know every detail of our lives.

Forgive us for pretending we're perfect.

Holy God, we confess we dance along the line between self-improvement and vanity. We read self-help books, listen to sages who tell us how we can live better lives, and try to eliminate all mess from our lives so we can feel in control.

Forgive us for striving to be godlike when all you've ever asked of us is to be human.

Holy God, we forget that even saints are human. Even saints are messy and complicated. Our heroes are flawed, our loved ones make mistakes, and our idols aren't really made of solid gold. We confess that we are quick to judge the faults of others whom we place on pedestals, as though they aren't human.

Forgive us for expecting too much of one another.

Forgive us, we pray. Help us reconcile with you and with each other. Give us grace to trade the illusion of perfection for the real life you have gifted us, 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

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE**HOLY INTERRUPTION**

LISTENING FOR THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM

"Goin' Home"

music by Antonin Dvořák, arr. by Robert Lehman

text by Dvořák's pupil, William Arms Fisher

Soloist, Robin Deimerly

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

#452

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 139

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"O God, You Search Me"

Reverend Nancy Tuma

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

***HYMN**

"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

#250

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also, with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

It is right, and a good...

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Soloist, Robin Deimerly

Organ, Mark Ihde

WORDS OF INSTITUTION**COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE****PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

SENDING IN GOD'S LOVE

ANNOUNCEMENTS***HYMN**

"O God, You Search Me"

#29

CHARGE AND BLESSING**POSTLUDE**

"Chopin Prelude No. 20 Largo"

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please use this QR code.*

*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

Universal Christ Book Study Monday, Nov. 2 @ 3:30 pm (Parlor)
Men's Bible Study Tuesday, Nov. 3 @ 6:40 am (Holy Grounds)
Yoga Tuesday, Nov. 3 and Thursday, Nov. 5 @ 9:30 am (Parlor)
Choir Rehearsal Wednesday, Nov. 4 @ 7:00 pm (Sanctuary)
Choir Rehearsal Sunday, Nov. 8 @ 9:30 am (Sanctuary)

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.

Session Meeting Today

Session meets after church today in Holy Grounds.

Be sure to vote!

Remember to vote on Nov. 3 if you haven't already voted.

Pastor Nancy's Schedule

Pastor Nancy is taking a couple of days off beginning Tuesday, November 3. She will be back for church on Sunday, November 8.

Songs for the Journey, Sunday, November 1

Come and support our alto section leader Carlin and their fellow choral friends as the UMKC Choirs perform at White Hall (James C. Olson Performing Arts Center) Sunday, November 1st at 2:30 p.m. The QR code provided is a link to the Conservatory's Performance Calendar! Take a look for this concert and ALL performances scheduled to take place this year! When tickets are required, that link is included in the event information.



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. From beloved Christmas favorites to breathtaking contemporary choral works, this inspiring program celebrates the unseen gifts of the season: hope, peace, friendship, and love. This unforgettable evening will leave audiences reflecting on the gifts that matter most. 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 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