WARD PARKWAY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 15, 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

"Come Thou Fount"

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Our Creator meets us here today!
We lift up our eyes to God!
We know our Creator meets us with love, mercy, and forgiveness.
We lift up our eyes to God!
Our redeemer meets us to renew our souls.
We lift up our eyes to God!
Our sustainer builds us up for lives of love, joy, and service.
Let us worship together this day!

***HYMN**

"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!" #305

***CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

***PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION**

Loving God, you are generous in all the ways you give to us. We have so many blessings to be grateful for. Yet we are more motivated by fear than by the trust we have in you. We hold tight to what we have, afraid we'll never have enough. We become focused on protecting ourselves and our families rather than in your call to welcome and love all others. We see our blessings as only our own, rather than seeing your loving care in each gift. Forgive us, God of grace. Reconcile with us and restore within us your vision for the world, 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

"Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy's Sake"
by Richard Farrant (c1525 - 1580)
text from Lidley's Prayers (1566)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

"Open the Eyes of My Heart" #452

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:1-13

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

SERMON

"I Will Change"

Reverend Nancy Tuma

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

***HYMN**

"Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning" #350

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**

"What Is the World Like" #771

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

"Seek Ye First"

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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

Cross-lines Monday, Nov. 16, 10:30 am - 1:00 pm
Universal Christ Book Study Monday, Nov. 16 @ 3:30 pm (Parlor)
Men's Bible Study Tuesday, Nov. 17 @ 6:40 am (Holy Grounds)
Yoga Tuesday, Nov. 17 and Thursday, Nov. 19 @ 9:30 am (Parlor)
Choir Rehearsal Wednesday, Nov. 18 @ 7:00 pm (Sanctuary)
Choir Rehearsal Sunday, Nov. 22 @ 9:30 am (Sanctuary)
Advent Study Wednesday, Dec. 2 @ 5:30 pm (Parlor)

Today is Pledge Sunday!

If you have not already returned your pledge for 2027, please mail it or bring it to the church office.

Cross-Lines is Tomorrow

If you're available, please join our awesome crew at Cross-Lines Kitchen for a baked potato bar on Monday, November 16, from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm! This is your chance to be part of something special, whether you're donating food or jumping in to serve! Use the link in *News From the Pews* or contact the office to sign up.

The Universal Christ Book Study Tomorrow

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

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.

A Season for Giving concert, December 5

This highly popular holiday concert given by the choirs and other musicians of the UMKC Conservatory to benefit Harvester's Food Network is fast approaching! Our beloved alto section leader, Carlin Holton, will be participating! Enjoy your "concert of the season" at Visitation Church (5141 Main St, KCMO) on Sat., December 5th at 7:30 PM. The concert is free, but non-perishable food items and monetary donations for Harvester's will be accepted.

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*
Liturgist:
AV Team: *Steve and Hans Guthrie, Lynne & Scott Crossette, Stephen Ferris, John Park*
Nursery Attendant: *Trish Smith*