



Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 5, 2025

Communion Sunday and 2nd Sunday of Christmas

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Worship Leader

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #804

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”

***Call to Worship**

Worship Leader

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: God turns mourning into gladness.

People: God gives joy to overwhelm our sorrow.

Gathering Prayer

Teresa Greenawalt

Call to Confession

Teresa Greenawalt

Prayer of Confession

Teresa Greenawalt

People: Glorious God, though we have faith in Jesus Christ, and love for your people, we are not without blemish in your sight. Our love is not as inclusive as yours, and there is much we need to learn. Give us a clearer vision of all that we are meant to be, so that we may better reflect the glory revealed in Jesus, your beloved Son.

Leader: Please continue in silent confession....Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Bill Hoff

Leader: Friends, hear the good news! Jesus has come to free us from our pride and pretenses.

People: Christ has come to show us, the undeserved, the favor of God.

Leader: Friends, believe the good news!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Word

A Time for Children

Rev. Bill Hoff

(Children will go to Sunday School)

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 31:14-21

Teresa Greenawalt

I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord. Thus says the Lord: A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more. Thus says the Lord: Keep your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears; for there is a reward for your work, says the Lord: they shall come back from the land of the enemy; there is hope for your future, says the Lord: your children shall come back to their own country.

Indeed I heard Ephraim pleading: "You disciplined me, and I took the discipline; I was like a calf untrained. Bring me back, let me come back, for you are the Lord my God. For after I had turned away I repented; and after I was discovered, I struck my thigh; I was ashamed, and I was dismayed because I bore the disgrace of my youth." Is Ephraim my dear son? Is he the child I delight in? As often as I speak against him, I still remember him. Therefore I am deeply moved for him; I will surely have mercy on him, says the Lord. Set up road markers for yourself, make yourself guideposts; consider well the highway, the road by which you went. Return, O virgin Israel, return to these your cities.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

John 1:10-18

Rev. Bill Hoff

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me."') From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

"One More Gift Under the Tree"

Rev. Bill Hoff

***Middle Hymn**

"Indescribable"

The Lord's Supper

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.

The Lord's Supper

Giving Thanks to God with Our Gifts and Offerings

Offertory Song

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

People: God of all places, grant us spiritual refreshment and growth in grace. Bless all that we do in this place a renewal for all who come to Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #39

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Charge and Blessing

Rev. Bill Hoff

Announcements

Guest Preacher Rev. Bill Hoff - We welcome Pastor Bill as our guest preacher this morning. Pastor Bill is a former pastor of Kirkwood. Welcome back, Pastor Bill!

Presbyterian Women's Potluck Dinner and Meeting January 6 - The Presbyterian Women will meet in the kitchen on Monday, January 6, at 6:30 p.m. for a potluck dinner. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Bunko January 11 - The next Bunko night will be held on Saturday, January 11, at 6:00 p.m. No experience is needed and it is fun for all ages. The entrance fee is \$10.00 per person and includes dessert. All proceeds go to the church's building and grounds fund.

OneBlood Blood Drive January 12 - The Big Red Bus will be in the church parking lot next Sunday, January 12, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Those donating will receive a \$20 eGift card, a long sleeve t-shirt, and a wellness checkup. To sign up in advance, please visit the OneBlood website at oneblood.org/donate-now and use code 31712.

Installation of Session Members January 19 - On Sunday, January 19, the following newly elected Session members will be installed to the Class of 2027: Lisa Christian, Frances Collins, and Yvette Grant.

2025 Nominating Committee Members - The following members have been elected to the 2025 Nominating Committee: Wayne Barnes, Kathalee Caissie, David Christian, Michael Eicholtz, and Lois Morse, with Larry Hadrava as an alternate.

41st Annual Gathering of Presbyterian Women January 25 - On Saturday, January 25, the Presbyterian Women will gather at the Montgomery Conference Center for the 41st Annual Gathering of Presbyterian Women. The deadline for the early registration fee of \$30 is January 10. After January 10 the fee is \$35. An information sheet/registration form is available on the table in the narthex and in tomorrow's newsletter.

Session Retreat January 25 - On Saturday, January 25, starting at 10:00 a.m. the Session will meet for the annual Session retreat at the home of Yvette Grant, 1461 Tomcat Drive, Jacksonville, 32221.

Financial Giving - You may place your offering in the offering plate, drop off a check at the office, put it in the mail, or use our online giving portal that can be accessed [here](#) or by scanning the QR code to the right.



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