



This Week

Sunday, Aug. 16 *Pastor Mary on Vacation*
9:30 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery
10:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

Monday, Aug. 17 *Pastor Mary on Vacation*
7:00 p.m. Monday Rendezvous

Tuesday, Aug. 18 *Pastor Mary on Vacation*
7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Wednesday, Aug. 19 *Pastor Mary on Vacation*
9:00 a.m. Gentle Yoga
10:30 a.m. Linus Group

Thursday, Aug. 20 *Pastor Mary on Vacation*
1:00 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive
6:30 p.m. Bible Study – Sweets

Friday, Aug. 21 *Pastor Mary on Vacation*
7:15 a.m. Men's Prayer Group
7:00 p.m. Voices of Faith in Action "Life Inside"

Saturday, Aug. 22 *Pastor Mary on Vacation*
6:00 p.m. Pizza with a Purpose

Sunday, Aug. 23 *Pastor Mary on Vacation*
9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Blessing of Backpacks),
Nursery
10:30 a.m. Pencils & Prayers, Coffee Fellowship
11:00 a.m. KirkWood Kids Volunteer Kick-Off

Please see the full
[calendar on the church website.](#)



WELCOME

KirkWood Presbyterian Church
Sunday, August 16, 2026



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A Christian Community Growing Together, Knowing, Loving, and
Serving Christ, to Make Him Known to All

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Order of Worship



Welcome and Announcements		Pastor Chris Shearer
Call to Worship		Ben Scott
Opening Prayer		
Hymn #263	"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"	
Song	"My Lighthouse"	
Congregational Prayer		
	Kids Dismissed to Play Praise	
Solo	"Just As I Am" arr. Fernando Ortega	Ben Scott
Sermon	It's Up to You 2026 – Is God male? Should we use gendered language about God?	Pastor Chris Shearer
Song	"King of My Heart"	
Responsive Reading		
Benediction		Pastor Chris Shearer
Song	"Build Your Kingdom Here"	

Today's sanctuary flowers were donated by Cathy Hudgins
In Memory of Steve



This Week's Prayer Requests

Wendy B.	Gerry L.	Tim C.'s mom
Jen C.	Tami M.	Barbara D.'s mom
Ida D.	April M.	Jerry & Janet D.'s daughter, Jill
David D.	Don N.	Betty D.'s sister, Madeline
Aleta G.	Rey O.	Cathy H.'s mom, Joyce
Jeane H.	Jim R.	Olivia H.'s grandfather, Baker
Marge K.	Faye S.	Jeane H.'s husband, Stan
	Dyer V.	Lisa N.'s dad, Paul
		El S.'s brother, Mark

Sympathy to Lisa Woodman and family on the death of her mother, Lois



Prayer Requests and Special Needs

Fill out one of the blue prayer cards in the pews and place it in the Offerings & Prayer Requests box, call/email the church office, or type your prayer request when you Check In online and the request will be published in the Monday Memo email.

It's Up to You 2026

Every summer, we devote a couple of months on Sunday morning to answering real questions asked by our congregation...sometimes they're biblical questions, sometimes personal questions, sometimes hard questions, and nothing is off limits. Here's the series schedule this year - invite a friend to come to a Sunday that might interest them!

- 8/23 How should Christians view other religions? (Part 1)
- 8/30 How should Christians view other religions? (Part 2)
- 9/6 Who - or what - on earth is the "Antichrist" in the Bible?



Stop by the fellowship hall to look at the model of the potential [Yorktown Hospice House](#). This facility will be dedicated to providing compassionate end-of-life care and support for patients and their families regardless of their ability to pay. Cathy Harvey will be available to answer any questions.

The Aging with Grace group will not meet next Sunday. They will resume meetings on Sunday, September 27th at noon.

First time guest? Stop by our Welcome desk in the foyer.

Want to learn more about KirkWood?

Want to join our texting list?

Text "Connect" to 757-772-0209 and follow the prompts.



Volunteer Opportunities

Our next **Red Cross Blood Drive** is scheduled for Thursday, August 20th from 1-6 in the fellowship hall. Schedule your appointment on www.redcrossblood.org, Sponsor Code: KirkwoodPC. If you would like help making your appointment or how to help, please contact Cathy Hudgins at hudgepudge@aol.com.



KirkWood Kupboard

Helping Our Community One Meal at a Time

The Kupboard has been quite busy and is being visited a few times each day.

Some items that go the quickest are:

- dry cereals
- baby foods/formulas
- juices
- peanut butter and jelly
- canned meats



SCHOOL SUPPLIES - Thanks to all who donated items for the school supply drive. It was very successful with all kinds of supplies (too numerous to mention). Again, when asked, you all step up to the plate. Our congregation is the greatest.

Play Praise - We are looking for a few more volunteers to help with Play Praise (a time during worship for our children to gather, build friendships, play, and praise God). If we get enough volunteers to serve on a team, each team would only need to serve once every 5-6 weeks). Please contact Bruce or Jan Knight (bdknight03@hotmail.com or janknight03@gmail.com).

Joining the KirkWood Family - Do you sense God leading you to make a commitment to KirkWood as your church home and family, and have KirkWood make such a commitment back to you? Are you wanting to find specific ways to offer your passions and gifts to others in service, or ways to build relationships with others? Consider attending our next "Joining the KirkWood Family" seminar, which will occur on Zoom at a time/date that's workable for you. Reach out to Pastor Chris and let him know - pastorchrswpc@gmail.com.



Help Wanted: The Property and Facilities committee needs some help completing small jobs around the church. There are a variety of tasks such as touch-up painting, fixing doors and hanging bulletin boards and TVs. All supplies will be provided and you can complete the tasks in your own time. Your help will save money for the church by preventing us from having to hire outside contractors. All skill levels accepted. If interested, please contact Jamie Reno 757-880-3242 or h2orenos@gmail.com.



Announcements

Voices of Faith in Action invites you to *Life Inside*, an information session about prison life in Virginia, on Friday, August 21 at 7 p.m. at KirkWood. We will view the film *Injustice: Hidden Crisis in Virginia's Prisons* produced by the ACLU and then discuss it with our speakers. All are welcome, bring a friend!! Questions? Contact Cindy W. or Jamie R.



Summer has come to an end, and a new school year is right around the corner! To celebrate the occasion, we have **two special events planned for next Sunday, 8/23:**

Blessing of the Backpacks - If you are a student, teacher, administrator, or other school support staff member, please bring your backpack (or lunchbox) to receive a special blessing as we pray for your upcoming year.

Pencils & Prayers - Everyone is invited to join us during Fellowship Time for a variety of intergenerational activities as we continue to pray for the year ahead.

Come ready to connect and create as we send our church family into a new school year blessed and surrounded by love!

KirkWood Men, did you know there is a men's social group? We meet every three or four weeks for lunch or at a local brew pub for conversation and fellowship. No homework or lessons, just some guys getting together to socialize. Contact Bruce Buchanan at r.bruce.buchanan@gmail.com or 757-725-6001 if you want to learn more, or if you are part of the group but have stopped receiving notices.

Book Sale! There's a table in the Fellowship Hall full of books for sale - pay what you can, however much or little that might be. All proceeds go to the KirkWood Library. If you pay by check, make it out to KirkWood and put "book sale" on the memo line.