

This Week's Activities

Sunday, August 17

9:30 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery
10:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

Monday, August 18 *No Scheduled Church Activities*

Tuesday, August 19

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Wednesday, August 20

9:00 a.m. Gentle Yoga
10:30 a.m. LINUS Group

Thursday, August 21

1:00 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive

Friday, August 22

7:15 a.m. Men's Prayer Group

Saturday, August 23 *No Scheduled Church Activities*

Sunday, August 24

9:30 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery
10:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
11:00 a.m. Training Session for Children's Ministry Volunteers



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

WELCOME

KirkWood Presbyterian Church
Sunday August 17, 2025



KirkWood Presbyterian Church

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

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Order of Worship



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| Welcoming Each Other | | Pastor Chris Shearer |
| Announcements | | |
| Call to Worship | | |
| Opening Prayer | | |
| Anthem | "I'll Fly Away" arr. Joel Raney | Rich Egyud Charlie Reece |
| Songs | "Living Hope" "In Christ Alone" | |
| Congregational Prayer | | Pastor Mary Brown |
| Children ages 3 – 2 nd grade dismissed for PlayPraise | | |
| Affirmation of Faith – The Declaration of Faith (1977), Section 7.5 | | |
| Sermon | It's Up to You 2025 Do politics have a place in church? | Pastor Chris Shearer |
| Hymn #434 | "Today We All are Called to Be Disciples" | |
| Benediction | | Pastor Chris Shearer |
| Song | "You Never Let Go" | |

This Week's Prayer Requests

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| Wayne B. | Cathy A.'s brother, Kenny |
| Wendy B. | Jen C.'s granddaughter, Wren |
| Dominique C. | Jerry & Janet D.'s daughter, Jill |
| Toni F. | Betty D.'s sister, Madelyn |
| Mike F. | Aleta G.'s daughter |
| Cathy H. | Regina H.'s parents |
| Heather I. | Jeane H.'s husband, Stan |
| Don M. | April M.'s mom |
| April M. | Lisa N.'s dad, Paul |
| Don N. | Kim R.'s mother, Marilyn |
| Christine P. | Lisa W.'s mother, Lois |
| Jim R. | |
| Carla R. | |

Sympathy to the family of Kenny Keller



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.

Listening Assist Technology

KirkWood has added technology for the sanctuary to help us to be more accessible. We have installed a listening assist system so that those who have difficulty hearing can have their own amplified sound, particularly focused on the spoken word and vocals. Just stop by the AV desk between 9:10 and 9:25 or after the service on a Sunday Morning - we have instructions and will help you get set-up.



First time visitor?
Want to learn more about KirkWood?
Want to join our texting list?
Text "Connect" to 757-772-0209
and follow the prompts.

Have you remembered KirkWood in your estate plan?

Flower Ministry

If you would like to donate sanctuary flowers, you can sign up in the foyer, call/email the office, or go to the online signup at:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050D45ABAA2CA5FE3-kirkwood>. You can dedicate flowers for a special occasion or in memory/honor of someone. Flowers are \$35.00 per week. You can pay online at:
<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z213/home> or send a check with "Flowers" on the memo line. Each week, volunteers take the sanctuary flowers and make several small arrangements to be taken to the sick and shut in. If you would like to volunteer to make flower arrangements after service on Sunday you can sign up at
[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040849A4AB2A1-kirkwood#/.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040849A4AB2A1-kirkwood#/)



Announcements



Here's a look ahead at the last two Sundays of our annual summer Q&A series - we would love for you to share these messages online or invite a friend to a Sunday that you think might interest them:

8/24 It's Up to You (Week 8) - Will you talk about the Japanese practice of kintsugi?

8/31 It's Up to You (Week 9) - Tips for those who are long-term caregivers, especially to their own parents

Children's Ministry Update – We're excited that our rebranded Glory Time, now called "PlayPraise," restarts today. The kids have an opportunity to leave near the midpoint of the worship service to enjoy something specifically designed for them.

Volunteer with Children's Ministry - There will be a training session for those who'd like to volunteer to help with kids' Sunday School next Sunday, 8/24, at 11:00 am. Childcare will be provided. We'll be using a new, user-friendly curriculum so we'd love to have you help out - no RSVP needed.

Blessing of the Backpacks - We'll have a "Blessing of the Backpacks" next Sunday, 8/24, during the worship service for all our students, teachers, and school personnel. If you're a student, bring your backpack. If you're a school staff member, bring your bag/lunchbox.



Mary Brown is our new part-time Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and will be working on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, but not necessarily in the building. Please contact her before coming to church. Her new work email address is pastormarykwpc@gmail.com. Please use this address for all KirkWood-related matters.

Marcus Fowler has been hired as our permanent Sexton.

Painting Schedule - We will be updating the second floor of the education wing starting tomorrow, August 18th and ending on the 29th. A crew will be painting the stairwell and second floor hallway. Please avoid these areas if possible during this time frame.



KirkWood Dining Partners (Friday edition) - Come out on Friday, September 5th at 6 p.m. to get reacquainted and enjoy some food and fellowship. For our kickoff we are going to Plaza Azteca in Hampton Town Center. Everyone is welcome - think about inviting someone new! Sign up in the foyer or email Cindy W. at cwillic114@gmail.com



August Blood Dive

Our next Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for Thursday, August 21 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.

Summertime Food Safety at the Pantry

With temperatures soaring, we're adjusting what we can safely offer at KirkWood's food pantry. We need to be especially careful about what items we place outside. According to USDA guidelines, glass jars (such as those containing sauces, peanut butter, or soups) are not safe in high temperatures. Additionally, foods high in fat or oil – like nuts, granola, cookies, and certain chips – can spoil quickly in the heat.

For summer, we ask that all donated items be packaged in plastic containers, metal cans, boxes, or sealed cups. Please help us keep our community safe and nourished this summer. Thank you for your ongoing support!

Fall Church Picnic

Our fall picnic will be held after the worship service on Sunday, September 7th, at the Bethel Recreation Area, Pavilion 4, in Hampton. Hamburgers, hot dogs, bratwurst, and drinks will be provided. There is a large, covered area with picnic tables, but we ask that you bring lawn chairs to ensure all have a place to sit. We will have a bounce house, corn hole, and volleyball in our picnic area and there is a playground nearby. Join us and bring a dish to share. Members of the local community are also welcome so feel free to invite a friend. You can sign up in the Narthex and on-line at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AAFA62FA13-57864015-kirkwood>. Oh, and don't forget to wear your picnic clothes to church that day! The point of contact is Lew Goodman.



**KirkWood
Food
Kupboard**



Scan QR code to donate

Thank you KirkWood for your generous support of our KirkWood Kupboard. Our Kupboard may be small, but it sure is mighty! We appreciate your donations of non-perishable food items and continue to find dry cereals, baby foods/formulas, all sorts of pastas, spaghetti sauces, canned tomatoes, peanut butter and jelly, juices, and canned meats are the most popular. If you would prefer to donate monetarily, we love to shop and look for bargains and we are good at stretching a dollar!

Contact Catherine Gough (cgough1965@gmail.com/757-879-1301), Lisa Nickerson (lanickers62@gmail.com), and Toni Fisher (fishermd1@gmail.com) at any time.

Sanctuary flowers were given by
April Mershon
"Happy 2nd Birthday to Evelyn Claire Brodie-Mershon"