



This Week

Sunday, Aug. 23 *Pastor Mary on Vacation*

9:30 a.m. Worship Service, Blessing of the Backpacks
Nursery

10:30 a.m. Pencils & Prayers, Coffee Fellowship

11:00 p.m. KirkWood Kids Volunteer Kick-Off

Monday, Aug. 24 *No Scheduled Church Activities*

Tuesday, Aug. 25

7:00 p.m. Planning & Leadership Development Meeting

Wednesday, Aug. 26

9:00 a.m. Gentle Yoga

10:30 a.m. Linus Group

1:30 p.m. Mah Jongg

Thursday, Aug. 27

6:30 p.m. Bible Study – Sweers

Friday, Aug. 28

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

Saturday, Aug. 29 *No Scheduled Church Activities*

Sunday, Aug. 30

9:30 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery

10:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

11:00 a.m. Sunday School Family Open House

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



WELCOME

KirkWood Presbyterian Church
Sunday, August 23, 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



Song	“Come As You Are”	
Welcome	Pastor Chris Shearer	
Announcements		
Call to Worship	Ben Scott	
Opening Prayer		
Songs	“Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)” “All Creatures of Our God and King”	
Blessing of the Backpacks		
	Kids Dismissed to Play Praise	
Song	“Trust in God”	Worship Band
Affirmation of Faith - The Confession of 1967, 9.41-9.42		
Sermon	It's Up to You 2026 – How should Christians view other religions? (Part 2)	Pastor Chris Shearer
Song	“Mighty to Save”	
Benediction	Pastor Chris Shearer	

Today's sanctuary flowers were donated by April & Jim Mershon
From Gma & Pop for Evelyn Claire's 3rd Birthday



This Week's Prayer Requests

Wendy B.
Jen C.
David D.
Aleta G.
Julia H.
Jeane H.
Marge K.

Tami M.
April M.
Rey O.
Jim R.
Herman T.
Dyer V.

Tim C.'s mom
Barbara D.'s mom
Jerry & Janet D.'s daughter, Jill
Betty D.'s sister, Madeline
Cathy H.'s mom, Joyce
Olivia H.'s grandfather, Baker
Jeane H.'s husband, Stan
Lisa N.'s dad, Paul
El S.'s brother, Mark



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 remaining series schedule - invite a friend to come to a Sunday that might interest them!

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



NEXT Sunday, August 30, 11:00 AM: Sunday School doesn't begin until later in September, but we've been busy transforming our upstairs classrooms! Come check them out, meet our volunteers, and learn about some of the exciting changes we've made for the new year. We'll also have creative activities connected to this year's theme, "We are God's masterpiece!" (Ephesians 2:10), for children and youth to add their own creative touches to our new spaces.

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.



Announcements



Pencils & Prayers - Summer has come to an end, and a new school year is right around the corner! To celebrate the occasion, 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!

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

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.

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).