



KIRK OF THE WAY

Presbyterian Church

A Vanguard Presbyterian Church

“God is calling His people to worship Himself alone.”



Order of Worship for Sunday, July 27, 2025

Preparation for Worship

[1 Timothy 1:17 \(LSB\)](#)

Now to the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God,
be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Welcome and Call to Worship
Psalm 116:16-19
(LSB)

O Yahweh, surely I am Your slave,
I am Your slave, the son of Your maidservant,
You have loosed my bonds.

**To You I shall offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
And call upon the name of Yahweh.**

I shall pay my vows to Yahweh,
Oh may it be in the presence of all His people,

**In the courts of the house of Yahweh,
In the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Praise Yah!**

Psalm of Worship and Adoration
Psalm 9B of Trinity Psalter Hymnal
Wholehearted Thanksgiving
Verses 1-4

Salutation and Response

In the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost!

Amen

Yahweh be with you!

And also with you!

Our help is in the Name of Yahweh

Who made heaven and earth!

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit.

A broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Praise

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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.

Confession of Faith
Westminster Shorter Catechism
49-50

49. Which is the second commandment?

The second commandment is, *Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them; for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me: and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.*

50. What is required in the second commandment?

The second commandment requireth the receiving, observing, and keeping pure and entire, all such religious worship and ordinances as God hath appointed in His Word.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father And to the Son And to the Holy Ghost!
As it was in the beginning, Is now and ever shall be:
World without end! Amen, amen.

Corporate Confession of Sin

My dear Lord, I can but tell Thee that Thou knowest I long for nothing but Thyself, nothing but holiness, nothing but union with Thy will. Thou hast given me these desires, and Thou alone canst give me the thing desired. My soul longs for communion with Thee, for mortification of indwelling corruption, especially spiritual pride. How precious it is to have a tender sense and clear apprehension of the mystery of godliness, of true holiness! What a blessedness to be like Thee as much as it is possible for a creature to be like his creator! Lord, give me more of Thy likeness; enlarge my soul to contain fullness of holiness; engage me to live more for Thee. ... Wrap my life in divine love, and keep me ever desiring Thee, always humble and resigned to Thy will, more fixed on Thyself, that I may be more fitted for doing and suffering.

(Valley of Vision, pg. 181)

Individual Confession of Sin

Take a moment for individual silent confession of sin.

Assurance of Pardon

[Ephesians 2:8-10](#)

(LSB)

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

By grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone according to Scripture alone to the glory of God alone, our sins are wondrously forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

Hymn of Rejoicing
Hymn #255 of Trinity Psalter Hymnal
Day by Day and with Each Passing Moment
Verses 1-3

Passing of the Peace

Having made peace with the Father by His Son our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through the powerful work of the Holy Spirit, we can have peace with one another.

May the peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

(Greet one another by saying, "May the peace of Christ be with you," and responding, "And also with you!")

Prayers of Rest and Supplication

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Scripture Reading

Luke 15:11-32

(LSB)

And He said, "A man had two sons. "And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the estate that falls to me.' So he divided his wealth between them. "And not many days later, the younger son gathered everything together and went on a journey into a distant country, and there he squandered his estate living recklessly. "Now when he had spent everything, a severe famine occurred in that country, and he began to be impoverished. "So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. "And he was desiring to be fed with

the pods that the swine were eating, and no one was giving anything to him. "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have more than enough bread, but I am dying here with hunger! 'I will rise up and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before you. "I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me as one of your hired men."' "So he rose up and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. "And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' "But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet, and bring the fattened calf, slaughter it, and let us eat and celebrate, for this son of mine was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.' And they began to celebrate. "Now his older son was in the field, and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. "And summoning one of the servants, he began inquiring what these things could be. "And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has received him back safe and sound.' "But he became angry and was not wanting to go in, and his father came out and began pleading with him. "But he answered and said to his father, 'Look! For so many years I have been serving you and never have I neglected a command of yours. And yet never have you given me a young goat, so that I might celebrate with my friends. 'But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your wealth with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him.' "And he said to him, 'Child, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. 'But we had to celebrate and rejoice, for this brother of yours was dead and is alive, and was lost and has been found.'"

Worship through Giving

Yahweh has generously given us both temporal and eternal life.
Let us joyfully give Him a small token of our gratitude as He leads.

Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him all creatures here below!
Praise Him above, ye, heavenly host!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

The Beasts of the Earth Die

[Exodus 9:1-7](#)

God releases a little more wrath, but Pharaoh's heart remains heavy.

I. The Prophetic Call to Worship

II. The Prophetic Warning against Rebellion

III. The Prophetic Fulfillment of Glory

Song of Response
Hymn #243 of Trinity Psalter Hymnal
How Firm a Foundation
Verses 1-3

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation and Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Distribution of the Elements

Song of Dedication
Hymn #243 of Trinity Psalter Hymnal
How Firm a Foundation
Verses 4-6

Benediction
Titus 3:3-7
(LSB)

For we ourselves also once were foolish, disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various lusts and pleasures, spending our life in malice and envy, despicable, hating one another. But when the kindness and affection of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not by works which we did in righteousness, but according to His mercy, through the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that having been justified by His grace, we would become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Hymn of Dismissal
Hymn #297 of Trinity Psalter Hymnal
Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!
Verse 6

Taking the Word into the World
Romans 11:33, 36
(LSB)

33 Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!
36 For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.
To Him be the glory forever. Amen.

Great Commission Discipleship

Sunday Worship @ Olathe Swygards

Foundations - Systematic Theology @ 9:30AM

Prayer in Faith @ 10:15AM

Covenantal Worship by Word, Sacraments, and Prayer @ 10:45AM

Discipleship in Olathe and Online

John on Wednesdays @ 7:00PM in Olathe and on Zoom

Westminster Confession of Faith Thursdays @ 6:30 in Olathe and on Zoom

What Sets Us Apart

Kirk of the Way Presbyterian Church is Kansas City's first local congregation of the Vanguard Presbyterian Church.

Presbyterians faithful to Scripture uphold a high view of covenant, sound doctrine, the sovereignty of God in salvation, and plurality of leadership that mutually maintains accountability to the unchanging standard of truth and wisdom God has established and revealed.

Vanguard was established in 2020 to be distinctive — primarily — on these three principles:

- 1) **Faithfulness:** all elders believe in the inspired, infallible, inerrant, and sufficient Word of God down to the letter, and they take no exceptions to the Westminster Standards.
- 2) **Accountability:** all committees are accountable to the entire body of elders.
- 3) **Growth:** all Vanguard churches are seeking to plant and grow churches by finding the lost evangelistically and discipling believers to believe God, to hope in God, and to love God and neighbor, all by the means of grace: worship, Scripture, sacraments, prayer, and increasing obedience — and all because of His eternal, covenantal love for His people.

[Come and see Jesus! Come and live by faith! Love and worship Him! Soli Deo Gloria!](#)

Weekly Rhythm

Sunday School, Prayer, and Covenantal Worship.....	Sundays beginning @ 9:30AM
Discipleship Bible Study.....	Wednesdays beginning @ 6:45PM
Westminster Confession of Faith.....	Thursdays beginning @ 6:30PM

For more information

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