

KIRK OF THE WAY

Presbyterian Church

"God is calling His people to worship Himself alone."



Order of Worship for Sunday, September 14, 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

Joel 2:12-13 (LSB)

"Yet even now," declares Yahweh, "Return to Me with all your heart

And with fasting, weeping, and wailing; And tear your heart and not your garments."

Now return to Yahweh your God, For He is gracious and compassionate,

Slow to anger, abounding in lovingkindness, And relenting concerning evil.

Psalm of Worship and Adoration

Psalm 130A of the Trinity Psalter Hymnal Lord, from the Depths to You I Cry! 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

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And we believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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.

^{*} Catholic comes from the Latin word for "universal." The creed speaks to all who are in Christ by grace alone through faith alone.

Corporate Confession of Sin

Lord Jesus, I am blind, be Thou my light; ignorant, be Thou my wisdom; self-willed, be Thou my mind. Open my ear to grasp quickly Thy Spirit's voice and delightfully run after His beckoning hand; melt my conscience that no hardness remain; make it alive to evil's slightest touch; when Satan approaches may I flee to Thy wounds, and there cease to tremble at all alarms. Be my Good Shepherd to lead me into the green pastures of Thy Word, and cause me to lie down beside the rivers of its comforts. Fill me with peace, that no disquieting worldly gales may ruffle the calm surface of my soul. ... May I always see Thy beauty with the clear eye of faith, and feel the power of Thy Spirit in my heart, for unless He move mightily in me no inward fire will be kindled.

(Valley of Vision, pg. 102)

Individual Confession of Sin

Take a moment for individual silent confession of sin.

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 103:10-12 (LSB)

He has not dealt with us according to our sins, And He has not rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, So great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us.

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 #249 of Trinity Psalter Hymnal For the Beauty of the Earth Verses 1-5

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

Joel 1 (LSB)

The word of Yahweh that came to Joel, the son of Pethuel: Hear this, O elders, And give ear, all inhabitants of the land. Has anything like this happened in your days Or in your fathers' days? Recount about it to your sons, And let your sons recount about it to their sons, And their sons to the next generation. What the gnawing locust has left, the swarming locust has consumed; And what the swarming locust has left, the creeping locust has consumed; And what the creeping locust has left, the stripping locust has consumed. Awake, drunkards, and weep; And wail, all you wine drinkers, On account of the sweet wine That is cut off from your mouth.

For a nation has come up against my land, Mighty and without number; Its teeth are the teeth of a lion, And it has the fangs of a lioness. It has made my vine a desolation And my fig tree splinters. It has stripped them bare and cast them away; Their branches have become white. Wail like a virgin girded with sackcloth For the bridegroom of her youth. The grain offering and the drink offering are cut off From the house of Yahweh. The priests mourn, The ministers of Yahweh. The field is destroyed; The land mourns, For the grain is destroyed, The new wine dries up, Fresh oil fails. Be ashamed, O farmers, Wail, O vinedressers, For the wheat and the barley, Because the harvest of the field perishes. The vine dries up, And the fig tree fails; The pomegranate, the palm also, and the apple tree, All the trees of the field dry up. Indeed, rejoicing dries up From the sons of men.

Gird yourselves with sackcloth And lament, O priests; Wail, O ministers of the altar! Come, spend the night in sackcloth, O ministers of my God; For the grain offering and the drink offering Are withheld from the house of your God. Set apart a fast as holy, Call for a solemn assembly; Gather the elders And all the inhabitants of the land To the house of Yahweh your God, And cry out to Yahweh. Alas for the day! For the day of Yahweh is near, And it will come as destruction from the Almighty. Has not food been cut off before our eyes, Gladness and joy from the house of our God? The seeds shrivel under their clods; The storehouses are desolate; The barns are pulled down, For the grain is dried up. How the beasts groan! The herds of cattle wander aimlessly Because there is no pasture for them; Even the flocks of sheep suffer. To You, O Yahweh, I cry; For fire has consumed the pastures of the wilderness, And the flame has burned up all the trees of the field. Even the beasts of the field pant for You; For the water brooks are dried up, And fire has consumed the pastures of the wilderness.

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!

Locusts Consume What Remains, Part 2

Exodus 10:7-11

God gives obedience to Moses and to creation, but not to Pharaoh.

I. Moses Obeys

II. Creation Obeys

III. Pharaoh Hardens

Song of Response

Hymn #463 of Trinity Psalter Hymnal O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus Verses 1-2

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation and Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Distribution of the Elements

Song of Dedication

Hymn #463 of Trinity Psalter Hymnal O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus Verse 3

Benediction

Isaiah 25:6-9 (LSB)

And Yahweh of hosts will prepare a lavish banquet for all peoples on this mountain; A banquet of aged wine, choice pieces with marrow, and refined, aged wine. And on this mountain He will swallow up the covering which is over all peoples, Even the veil which is stretched over all nations. He will swallow up death for all time, And Lord Yahweh will wipe tears away from all faces, And He will remove the reproach of His people from all the earth; For Yahweh has spoken. And it will be said in that day, "Behold, this is our God in whom we have hoped; Let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation."

Hymn of Dismissal

Hymn #446 of Trinity Psalter Hymnal Be Thou My Vision Verses 1-2

Taking the World 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 Hebrews on Thursdays @ 6:30PM in Olathe and on Zoom

What Sets Us Apart

Kirk of the Way Presbyterian Church is a local body of disciples called and set apart to worship her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by grace through faith, according to Scripture, and to the glory of God ... alone! Presbyterians faithful to Scripture uphold a high view of Scripture, covenant, sound doctrine, the sovereignty of God in all things, and representative leadership that holds one another accountable to uphold the faith once for all delivered to the saints. All of these beliefs and practices are designed to foster the making of disciples who worship God in spirit and in truth to the glory of God in accordance with the great commandments of God and the great commission of Jesus Christ.

Our primary passions are as follows:

- 1) God exists unchanging and eternally as one being in three persons, without beginning and without end, Whose life covenantal love and righteousness and justice and holiness and grace and mercy and forgiveness are all intrinsic to Who He is. He is our source, our life, and our goal. He is the Creator of all that is, saves all His people by grace through faith in Christ's atoning work on the cross and to His glory ... alone!
- 2) Glory is the ultimate end for which God created the world. He gets 100% of the "credit" glory for our salvation, in which He shares the glory of His righteousness with all His saints for all eternity.
- 3) Growth is the goal of our walk with Christ, both in spreading seed to call the lost to join us as well as in calling His saints to worship Him in sincerity, purity, hope, and love with the external, gifted, undeserved righteousness of Christ to the glory of God alone. He redeems, calls, justifies, sanctifies, and glorifies all whom He has chosen to believe in Him.

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 @ 7:00PM
Westminster Confession of Faith	Thursdays beginning @ 6:30PM