



KIRK OF THE WAY

Presbyterian Church

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



Order of Worship for Sunday, December 7, 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
Zephaniah 3:14-17
(LSB)

Sing for joy, O daughter of Zion!
Make a loud shout, O Israel!

**Be glad and exult with all your heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!**

Yahweh has taken away His judgments against you;
He has cleared away your enemies.

**The King of Israel, Yahweh, is in your midst;
You will fear evil no more.**

In that day it will be said to Jerusalem:
“Do not fear, O Zion;
Do not let your hands fall limp.

**Yahweh your God is in your midst,
A mighty one who will save.**

He will be joyful over you with gladness;

**He will be quiet in His love;
He will rejoice over you with joyful singing.**

Hymn of Worship and Adoration
Hymn 300 of the Trinity Psalter Hymnal
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
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 Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the virgin Mary;
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell.
The third day He arose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven;
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
The holy catholic* church; the communion of saints;
The forgiveness of sins;
The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

*"Catholic" comes from the Latin for "universal." The creed speaks of all God's elect of every tongue and tribe of all time who are effectually called to believe, love, and worship the one, true God, i.e., all who are in Christ alone by grace alone through faith alone according to Scripture alone to the glory of God alone.

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.

Simul Iustus et Peccator

O God of grace, Thou hast imputed my sin to my Substitute and hast imputed His righteousness to my soul, clothing me with a bridegroom's robe, decking me with jewels of holiness. But in my Christian walk I am still in rags; my best prayers are stained with sin; my penitential tears are so much impurity; my confessions of wrong are so many aggravations of sin; my receiving the Spirit is tinctured with selfishness. I need to repent of my repentance; I need my tears to be washed; I have no robe to bring to cover my sins, no loom to weave my own righteousness; I am always standing clothed in filthy garments, and by grace am always receiving change of raiment, for Thou dost always justify the ungodly. ... Grant me never to lose sight of the exceeding sinfulness of sin, the exceeding righteousness of salvation, the exceeding glory of Christ, the exceeding beauty of holiness, the exceeding wonder of grace.

(Valley of Vision, pg. 76)

Individual Confession of Sin

Take a moment for individual silent confession of sin.

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 2:11-12

(LSB)

Serve Yahweh with fear and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest He become angry, and you perish in the way, for His wrath may soon be kindled. How blessed are all who take refuge in Him!

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 311 of Trinity Psalter Hymnal
Hark! the Herald Angels Sing
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

Genesis 18:1-15

(LSB)

Then Yahweh appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, while he was sitting at the tent door in the heat of the day. And he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing nearby; he saw, and he ran from the tent door to meet them, and he bowed himself to the earth, and he said, "My Lord, if now I have found favor in Your sight, please do not pass Your servant by. Please let a little water be brought and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree; and let me bring a piece of bread, that you may refresh your hearts; after that you may pass on, since in such a manner you have passed by your servant." And they said, "So you shall do, as you have said." So

Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah and said, "Hurry, prepare three seahs of fine flour, knead it, and make bread cakes." Abraham also ran to the herd and took a tender and choice calf and gave it to his young man, and he hurried to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf which he had prepared, and placed it before them; and he was standing by them under the tree, and they ate. Then they said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "There, in the tent." And He said, "I will surely return to you at this time next year; and behold, Sarah your wife will have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door which was behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; Sarah was past childbearing. And Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?" And Yahweh said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, saying, 'Shall I indeed bear a son, when I am so old?' Is anything too difficult for Yahweh? At the appointed time I will return to you, at this time next year, and Sarah will have a son." Then Sarah denied it however, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. And He said, "No, but you did laugh."

Grateful, Worshipful Giving

Yahweh has generously given us exceedingly great and precious gifts.
Let us joyfully serve Him with just a small portion of these gifts.

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 Prediction of the Incarnation

[Luke 1:26-33](#)

God graciously greets Mary through Gabriel
with a prediction of a truly historic event.

I. Gracious Greetings

II. Gracious Comfort

III. Gracious Governance

Song of Response
Hymn #292 of Trinity Psalter Hymnal
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
Verses 1-2

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation and Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Distribution of the Elements

Song of Dedication
Hymn #292 of Trinity Psalter Hymnal
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
Verses 3-4

Benediction
Luke 2:29-32
(LSB)

“Now Master, You are releasing Your slave in peace, according to Your word. For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You prepared in the presence of all peoples, a Light for revelation to the Gentiles and for the glory of Your people Israel.”

Hymn of Dismissal
Hymn #314 of Trinity Psalter Hymnal
God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen
Verses 1-4

Taking the Word into the World
Romans 11:32-36
(LSB)

For God has shut up all in disobedience so that He may show mercy to all.

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!

For who has known the mind of the Lord,
Or who became His counselor?
Or who has first given to Him that it might be repaid to him?

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.

At Kirk of the Way, God is at work in us through His Word to reveal the following:

- 1) **God** exists unchanging and eternally as one being in three persons, without beginning and without end, Whose life, covenantal love, righteousness, justice, holiness, grace, 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, judges all His enemies who refuse to repent and saves all His people by grace through faith in Christ's atoning work on the cross and to His glory ... alone!
- 2) **God's Glory** is the ultimate end for which God created the world. He gets 100% of the "credit" glory for all things, especially for His just condemnation of the wicked and in the salvation of all who believe in Him with whom He shares His righteousness glory. His glory is increasingly revealed throughout time, Scripture, the final judgment, and eternity.
- 3) **Gospel Grace** is the covenantal favor that God has for all His saints for reasons known only unto Himself. God has ordained the ministry of the word, sacraments, and prayer as His primary means of grace through which God reveals Himself and saves and changes sinners. The gospel is the good news of the forgiveness of sins by the imputation of Christ's righteousness by grace through faith, for Christ alone is perfectly righteous, and He extends His favor to all who believe in Him to the glory of God alone!

[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
John.....	Wednesdays beginning @ 7:00PM
Hebrews.....	Thursdays beginning @ 6:30PM

For more information

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