



KIRK OF THE WAY

Presbyterian Church

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



Order of Worship for Sunday, December 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

Psalm 40:6-8

(LSB)

Sacrifice and meal offering You have not desired;

My ears You have opened;

Burnt offering and sin offering You have not required.

Then I said, “Behold, I come;

In the scroll of the book it is written of me.

I desire to do Your will, O my God;

Your law is within my inner being.”

Hymn of Worship and Adoration

Hymn 293 of the Trinity Psalter Hymnal

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Verses 1-5

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 Confession of Faith
Chapter 21.1, 14.2

The light of nature showeth that there is a God, who hath lordship and sovereignty over all; is good, and doeth good unto all; and is therefore to be feared, loved, praised, called upon, trusted in, and served with all the heart, and with all the soul, and with all the might. But the acceptable way of worshipping the true God is instituted by Himself, and so limited by His own revealed will, that he may not be worshipped according to the imaginations and devices of men, or the suggestions of Satan, under any visible representation or any other way not prescribed in the holy Scripture.

By this faith, a Christian believeth to be true whatsoever is revealed in the Word, for the authority of God Himself speaking therein; and acteth differently, upon that which each particular passage thereof containeth; yielding obedience to the commands, trembling at the threatenings, and embracing the promises of God for this life, and that which is to come. But the principal acts of saving faith are, accepting, receiving, and resting upon Christ alone for justification, sanctification, and eternal life, by virtue of the covenant of grace.

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 Living God, I bless Thee that I see the worst of my heart as well as the best of it, that I can sorrow for those sins that carry me from Thee, that it is Thy deep and dear mercy to threaten punishment so that I may return, pray, live. My sin is to look on my faults and be discouraged, or to look on my good and be puffed up. I fall short of Thy glory every day by spending hours unprofitably, by thinking that the things I do are good when they are not done to Thy end, nor spring from the rules of Thy Word. ... I am sometimes discouraged by the way, but though winding and trying it is safe and short; death dismays me, but my Great High Priest stands in its waters and will open me a passage, and beyond is a better country. While I live, let my life be exemplary. When I die, may my end be peace.

(Valley of Vision, pg. 85)

Individual Confession of Sin

Take a moment for individual silent confession of sin.

Assurance of Pardon

[Micah 5:2](#)

(LSB)

But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from everlasting, from the ancient days.

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 318 of Trinity Psalter Hymnal
Angels We Have Heard on High
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

1 Samuel 3

(LSB)

Now the young boy Samuel was ministering to Yahweh before Eli. And word from Yahweh was rare in those days; visions were infrequent. And it happened at that time as Eli was lying down in his place (now his eyesight had begun to fade, and he could not see well), and the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of Yahweh where the ark of God was, that Yahweh called Samuel; and he said, "Here I am." Then he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; go back, lie down." So he went and lay down. Then Yahweh called yet again, "Samuel!" So Samuel arose and went to Eli and said,

“Here I am, for you called me.” But he answered, “I did not call, my son; go back, lie down.” Now Samuel did not yet know Yahweh, nor had the word of Yahweh yet been revealed to him. So Yahweh called Samuel again for the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli discerned that Yahweh was calling the young boy. And Eli said to Samuel, “Go lie down, and it shall be if He calls you, that you shall say, ‘Speak, Yahweh, for Your slave is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Then Yahweh came and stood and called as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for Your slave is listening.” And Yahweh said to Samuel, “Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel at which both ears of everyone who hears it will tingle. In that day I will establish against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. And I have told him that I am about to judge his house forever for the iniquity which he knew because his sons have been bringing a curse on themselves, but he did not rebuke them. Now therefore I have sworn to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli’s house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever.” So Samuel lay down until morning. Then he opened the doors of the house of Yahweh. But Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. Then Eli called Samuel and said, “Samuel, my son.” And he said, “Here I am.” And he said, “What is the word that He spoke to you? Please do not hide it from me. May God do so to you, and more also, if you hide anything from me of all the words that He spoke to you.” So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. And he said, “It is Yahweh; let Him do what seems good in His eyes.” Thus Samuel grew, and Yahweh was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. So all Israel from Dan even to Beersheba knew that Samuel was confirmed as a prophet of Yahweh. And Yahweh appeared again at Shiloh, because Yahweh revealed Himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of Yahweh.

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 Power of the Incarnation

[Luke 1:34-38](#)

God gives miraculous births as well as glad submission to
demonstrate His power over the “impossible.”

I. The Question of Faith

II. The Basis of Faith

III. The Submission of Faith

Song of Response
Hymn #321 of Trinity Psalter Hymnal
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
Verse 1

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation and Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Distribution of the Elements

Song of Dedication
Hymn #321 of Trinity Psalter Hymnal
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
Verse 2

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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