



KIRK OF THE WAY

Presbyterian Church

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



Order of Worship for Sunday, December 21, 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

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

(LSB)

The people who walk in darkness
Will see a great light;

**Those who live in the land of the shadow of death,
The light will shine on them.**

For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us;
And the government will rest on His shoulders;

**And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.**

There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace,
On the throne of David and over his kingdom,

**To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness
From then on and forevermore.**

The zeal of Yahweh of hosts will accomplish this.

Hymn of Worship and Adoration

Hymn 299 of the Trinity Psalter Hymnal

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

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
Questions 21-23

21. Who is the redeemer of God's elect?

The only redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continueth to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.

22. How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?

Christ, the Son of God, became man, by taking to Himself a true body and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, and born of her, yet without sin.

23. What offices doth Christ execute as our redeemer?

Christ, as our redeemer, executeth the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in His estate of humiliation and exaltation.

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 Lover to the uttermost, may I read the meltings of Thy heart to me in the manger of Thy birth, in the garden of Thy agony, in the cross of Thy suffering, in the tomb of Thy resurrection, in the heaven of Thy intercession. Bold in this thought I defy my adversary, tread down his temptations, resist his schemings, renounce the world, am valiant for truth. ... I think of Thy glory and my vileness, Thy majesty and my meanness, Thy beauty and my deformity, Thy purity and my filth, Thy righteousness and my iniquity. ... May I never dally with the world and its allurements, but walk by Thy side, listen to Thy voice, be clothed with Thy graces, and adorned with Thy righteousness.

(Valley of Vision, pg. 18)

Individual Confession of Sin

Take a moment for individual silent confession of sin.

Assurance of Pardon

Philippians 2:8

(LSB)

Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

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 313 of Trinity Psalter Hymnal
Angels from the Realms of Glory
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

Psalm 45

(LSB)

My heart overflows with a good theme;
I address my verses to the King;
My tongue is the pen of a skillful scribe.
You are fairer than the sons of men;
Grace is poured upon Your lips;
Therefore God has blessed You forever.
Gird Your sword on Your thigh, O Mighty One,
In Your splendor and Your majesty!
And in Your majesty ride on victoriously,
For the cause of truth and meekness and righteousness;

Let Your right hand teach You awesome things.
Your arrows are sharp;
The peoples fall under You;
Your arrows are in the heart of the King's enemies.
Your throne, O God, is forever and ever;
A scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Your kingdom.
You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;
Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You
With the oil of joy above Your companions.
All Your garments are fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia;
Out of ivory palaces stringed instruments have made You glad.
Kings' daughters are among Your noble ladies;
At Your right hand stands the queen in gold from Ophir.
Listen, O daughter, give attention and incline your ear:
Forget your people and your father's house;
Then the King will desire your beauty.
Because He is your Lord, bow down to Him.
The daughter of Tyre will come with a present;
The rich among the people will seek your favor.
The King's daughter is all glorious within her chamber;
Her clothing is interwoven with gold.
She will be led to the King in embroidered work;
The virgins, her companions who follow her,
Will be brought to You.
They will be led forth with gladness and rejoicing;
They will enter into the King's palace.
In place of your fathers will be your sons;
You shall set them up as princes in all the earth.
I will cause Your name to be remembered from generation to every
generation;
Therefore the peoples will give You thanks forever and ever.

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 Presence of the Incarnation

[Luke 21-20](#)

The Lord reveals His glory by the Son
and through the angels and the shepherds.

I. The Son Is Present

II. The Angels Proclaim

III. The Shepherds Promulgate

Song of Response
Hymn #317 of Trinity Psalter Hymnal
What Child Is This?
Verses 1-2

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation and Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Distribution of the Elements

Song of Dedication
Hymn #317 of Trinity Psalter Hymnal
What Child Is This?
Verse 3

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 #307 of Trinity Psalter Hymnal
All My Heart This Night Rejoices
Verses 1-7

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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