



# Our Worship of God

First Sunday in Lent  
March 9, 2025 ~ 10:30

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Chiming of the Hour Julia Matthews

Welcome and Life of the Church Krissi Vandagriff

Centering Prayer

Voluntary **On Eagle's Wings** Julia Matthews  
Michael Joncas

*You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, Who abide in His shadow for life,  
Say to the Lord, "My Refuge, my Rock in whom I trust."  
And He will raise you up on eagle's wings, Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun, And hold you in the palm of His Hand.*

Lighting of the Christ Candle and Opening of the Bible Mia Sherman

+Call to Worship (based on Psalm 91) Kyle Damron

Where is our home?

**Our home is in the shelter and shadow of God.**

How can this be our refuge?

**Because God's angels will guard your house and those in it from evil and threat.**

How can we flourish?

**Staying close to God's ways will bring our lives to abundance.**

Let us worship God.

+Hymn 53 **Let All Things Now Living** ASH GROVE

Anthems **For the Beauty of the Earth** Young Musicians  
arr. Jeff Reeves

**God Be In My Head**  
Andrea Ramsey

*God be in my head and in my understanding, God be in my eyes and in my looking.  
God be in my mouth and in my speaking, God be in my heart.  
God be at my end and my beginning, and all days in between.*

+Hymn 200 **Lord, Who Throughout** LAND OF REST

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Tom Toth

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Matt Vandagriff

Silent Meditation

Epistle Reading

Romans 10:8b-13

Thomas Vandagriff

Call to Confession

The scripture, which has been read, states, “No one who believes in Christ will be put to shame.” Therefore, we do not approach God with shame but with life-giving expectation grounded in our trust of God. For when we confess with our mouth and trust in our heart, we will find healing for ourselves and for the world.

Prayer of Confession

**God of many signs and wonders, you brought our ancestors to the land flowing with milk and honey and offered us the bounty of life. Yet we ignored your gracious acts and have faltered in bringing you the offering of our very best. We wavered in offering unconditional love to our neighbors and love toward you, our mighty God. Forgive us and guide us in the days ahead to follow in the ways of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Edward Mallory

Siblings in Christ, we have heard these words from Romans,

“For one believes with the heart and so is justified,  
and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.”

We have confessed to our Savior our brokenness and our sins because of the faith written on our hearts. In doing so, we celebrate the Good News that we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

Prayer in Song

**Kyrie**

Youth Singers

John Leavitt

*Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison!  
Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy!*

Prayers of the People

Krissi Vandagriff

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Offertory

**Speak, Lord**

Youth Singers

Tom Trenney

Noelle Fillingham, soloist

*(Please refrain from applause following this song as we continue our worship with reverence and silence. Thank you.)*

*You are the way, the truth and the life.  
 You are our hope, our victory o'er the strife.  
 You are our peace, our calm upon the sea.  
 Bringing good news to the oppressed, you call us to set the captive free!*

*Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening. Speak, Lord, how we need to hear from you.  
 Give us courage to speak, Lord, till injustice is silent. Speak your words of love in all we say and do.*

*You come to heal our broken heart, to comfort as we mourn, just mercy to impart.  
 You call us to preach the Gospel, dream the dream  
 till justice rolls down like water,  
 righteousness like a living stream.*

*Give us sight to see the world through the eyes of a stranger.  
 Help us hear the beauty of a language not our own.  
 Set our hearts to be with compassion for our neighbor.  
 When we love each other, you are seen and known.*

Silent Dedication of our Offerings and Tithes

+Hymn 634	<b>Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah</b>	CWM RHONDDA
Benediction		Matt Vandagriff
Postlude	<b>Prelude in E Minor BWV 555</b> J.S. Bach	Julia Matthews

*We pray in the Lenten season, give us primitive freedom to take full stock of Satan and the power of evil still among us in our prosperity and wealth and sophistication, and give us primitive openness to your ministering angels who are present with care and gentleness and great nourishment.  
 —WALTER BRUEGGEMANN, from "Sustained by Angels," Prayers for a Privileged People*

**Women's Fellowship**  
**Thursday, March 13**  
*In-Person, 10:30 am  
 in the Parlor*  
 Continuing our discussion of the book "The Women of the Bible Speak".

**KBC Writing Group**  
 Monday  
 March 10  
 11:00am  
 Contact Ray Killebrew with any questions.  
 Lrkillebrew@aol.com or 314-966-6369

**Women's Spiritual Friendship**  
**Monday, March 10**  
*In-Person, 6:30pm*  
 We are studying the Enneagram this season.

# Coming Up in the Life of KBC



EASTER  
HYDRANGEAS



TODAY IS THE VERY LAST DAY TO RESERVE A HYDRANGEA AS THE ORDER WILL BE PLACED TOMORROW MORNING. PLEASE SCAN TO RESERVE YOURS OR LEAVE A NOTE ON TIA'S DESK. THANK YOU!

Thank you to the Worship Arts team who has decorated the church so thoughtfully for Lent. Additional special thanks to Nancy Bartel for helping to keep our pews stocked and tidy.

Kirkwood baptist church

## Speaker Series

**6 APR** **11:45 AM**

SCAN TO REGISTER OR CALL THE OFFICE

Connect Council invites you to join us for lunch with Janis Dickerman who will be speaking on:

## Dementia

*"We will look at the differences between Dementia and Alzheimer's disease and begin to explore how to maintain and adjust to the challenges of communication as the disease progresses. We look forward to spending this time together, sharing experiences, challenges, and ways to maintain these special relationships."*



Presented by Janis Dickerman RN BSN, with 55+ years of experience in healthcare in hospitals, long term care, and personal experience having a father with dementia and a sister with Alzheimer's dementia. She has served in various nursing positions, including staff and family education related to dementia.



Scan to view our *On Mission* guide and learn all about KBC!

Whether you are worshipping with us online or in-person, welcome! We are happy you are here. If you are interested in becoming a member of Kirkwood Baptist Church, or if you have questions about the church, we encourage you to go to [www.kirkwoodbaptist.org](http://www.kirkwoodbaptist.org) where you might find some answers. **Additionally, you can find answers to questions or register for events by emailing [twright@kirkwoodbaptist.org](mailto:twright@kirkwoodbaptist.org) or calling 314-965-2349.**

A nursery is available for birth - Pre-K children and hearing devices are available upon request. Please see an usher for help.

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Deacon for the Week	Wendy Shaw
Bible Opener/Candle Lighter	Mia Sherman
Readers	Tom Toth, Thomas Vandagriff, Edward Mallory
Camera Operator & Videographer	Steven Vance
Sound Operator	Elijah Fillingham
Young Musicians	Mark & Ginny Lawson, Debbie Mitchener, Leslie Mallory
Young Musicians Accompanist	Trish Jackson
Youth Singers	Kyle Damron
Youth Singers Accompanist	Julia Matthews
Keyboards	Julia Matthews
Sanctuary Choir	

### Sunday Staff

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