



Our Worship of God

Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost
November 16, 2025 - 10:30

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+ *This symbol invites you to rise in body as you are able, or in spirit.*

Chiming

Julia Matthews

Welcome and Life of the Church

Krissi Vandagriff

Gathering Prayer

Voluntary

Marching to Zion
arr. Jason Krug

Chancel Ringers

*Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known,
join in a song with sweet accord and thus surround the throne...
We're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.*

Opening of the Bible and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Janis Dickerman

+ Call to Worship (based on Malachi 3:1-4)

Prepare a way for the Lord, the One you seek who is coming to the Temple--

How shall we prepare for the Lord?

He is like a refiner's fire, like a fuller's soap--

So we will prepare to be challenged, to become refined.

He is like a purifier of gold and silver--

So we will prepare to be polished, to be sanded and smoothed.

He will remind us of our past, he will prepare us for our future--

**And so we will gather strength from those who came before us
and courage to step into our place in the great story.**

Let our offering be pleasing to the Lord,

the One who comes suddenly to the Temple.

+ Hymn 29

O Worship the King

LYONS

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Call to Confession

Krissi Vandagriff

Scripture reminds us that repentance is part of our preparation to meet Christ and that the grace of God is for everyone. Let us therefore confess our sins together, trusting in Christ's mercy and love.

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, we confess we prefer the crooked paths
where we think we can hide from you.
We'd rather you didn't examine us too closely, all we do and fail to do.
Yet you are coming not to judge,
but to save us from our sins and our love of sinning.
So come, Lord, by crooked path or straight, to enter our aching hearts.
In the certainty of your grace we make our prayer. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news: Christ has died. Christ is risen! Christ comes again!
Through him we have forgiveness and new hope.
He comes to break the power of sin and set us free again. Alleluia! Amen.

Choral Music

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Sanctuary Choir

Text: adapted by Ruth Manz; Music: Paul Manz
Based on Revelation 22

*Peace be to you and grace from him,
Who freed us from our sins, Who loved us all and shed his blood
That we might saved be.
Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord Almighty God,
Who was and is and is to come; sing holy, holy, Lord!
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
For Christ is coming, is coming soon, For Christ is coming soon!
E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, And night shall be no more;
They need no light nor lamp nor sun, For Christ will be their All!*

+ Passing of the Peace

Kyle Damron

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

+ Hymn 612

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Matt Vandagriff

+ Hymn 558

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

BEECHER

Offertory

An American Folk Hymn Sampler
(Amazing Grace and My Shepherd Will Supply My Need)
 Fred Gramann

Chancel Ringers

*Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come.
 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.*

*The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
 O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.
 There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
 No more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
 We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.*

+ Hymn

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Christ, all people here below;
 Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
 Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

OLD HUNDREDTH

+ Prayer of Preparation

Matt Vandagriff

Lord God, the One who comes to walk beside us and be our God, fill us with your fire. Let all that keeps us away from you be burned away. Let all that harms our bodies, all that destroys our peace, all that eats away our hope be burned away.

Let us prepare a way for the Lord.

Lord God, the One who comes into the Temple, polish us like gold and silver. Let what darkness we have embraced be cleaned from our spirits. Let that which has attached itself to us, which weighs us down and keeps us from you be polished until it reflects only your love.

Let us prepare a way for the Lord.

Lord God, the One who has been with us through all of time, remember who we have been and believe in who we could be. Give us the vision we need to stay on your path, shine a light for us on the next right thing. Help us to keep that which is right and good and let go of all that distracts and delays us on your path.

Let us prepare a way for the Lord.

+ Hymn 596

We're Marching to Zion
Stanza 4

MARCHING TO ZION

Postlude

Voluntary in G Major
 John Stanley

Julia Matthews

Coming Up in the Life of KBC



MINISTRY COUNCIL WILL HAVE POSTERS AND INFORMATION SET-UP DURING THE PICTORIAL DIRECTORY WEEKEND FOR CHURCH MEMBERS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CURRENT MINISTRIES OF KBC. MANY OF OUR MINISTRIES ARE IN NEED OF MORE VOLUNTEERS SO WE HOPE THAT YOU STOP BY, TAKE A LOOK AT OUR DISPLAYS, AND MAYBE FIND A NEW PLACE TO SERVE.

let's do dinner! Kirkwood Baptist Church Connect Council
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 6:00 PM

Cracker Barrel
1050 South Highway Dr
Fenton, MO 63026

Let's do Dinner at Cracker Barrel in Fenton. Since we are not having the church-wide Thanksgiving meal this year, Connect Council would like to invite the KBC family to dinner November 23.

JOIN US FOR
Advent Prep & Pizza
5:00PM MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24

COME AND HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR ADVENT AND HAVE SOME PIZZA! RSVP BY NOVEMBER 20 TO LET US KNOW YOU ARE COMING AND WHAT TYPE OF PIZZA YOU ENJOY

COLLEGE AND EARLY CAREER BREAKFAST
Sunday, November 30

College Students and Early Career Folks - Meet up with your KBC friends for breakfast on the Sunday of Thanksgiving weekend, November 30, at 9:15 am in the Mezzanine

Students (or their parents) please RSVP so we can plan for food.



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 where you might find some answers. **Additionally, you can find answers to questions or register for events by emailing 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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