



Return to Me

Kirkwood
baptist church

Our Worship of God
Sunday, February 22, 2026
First Sunday of Lent

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

Chiming of the Hour Julia Matthews

Welcome and Life of the Church Krissi Vandagriff

Deacon Testimony Janis Dickerman

Centering Prayer

Voluntary **Great Is Thy Faithfulness** Chancel Ringers
arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow: blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.*

*Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Lighting of the Christ Candle and Opening of the Bible Brandt Fillingham

+ Opening Sentences

As children of God, we dwell in the Spirit,
and the Spirit dwells in us.

**We are alive in the Spirit
through the righteousness of God.**

In humility and faith, we come to worship the One
who gives us life, hope, and healing.

**God has brought us to this moment
and will guide us still.**

Praise the Lord!

+ Hymn 634 **Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah** CWM RHONDDA

Call to Confession Trish Ordelheide

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, you know all about our troubles.
Your Son was tested in the wilderness,
tempted by the powers and principalities of the age.
We confess how easily and often we give in to them.
Yet, you continue to forgive us,
reminding us there is nothing we can do to lose your love.
Holy God, turn us from the evil powers in high places,
that we may return to you and the path to which you have called us.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Hear and receive the good news: In Jesus Christ, we have been forgiven!
Know this and be at peace. **Amen.**

Choral Music

Out of the Depths

Sanctuary Choir

Daniel Nelson | based on a theme by Michel-Richard de Lalande, 1657-1726
from Psalm 130

*Out of the depths I cry to thee. O Lord, hear my voice!
If thou, O Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?
But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou might be feared.
My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning.
O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is plenteous redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all iniquities.*

+ Gospel Reading

John 11:1-44

Gospel Reading Ensemble

Sermon

Matt Vandagriff

+ Hymn 678

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

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Prayers of the People

Donna Church

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Offering and Offertory

Lacrymosa

Chancel Ringers

Mozart | arr. Michael R. Keller

Silent Dedication of our Offering and Tithes

Choral Response

A Lenten Prayer

Sanctuary Choir

Hal H. Hopson

*Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray,
Teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.
Jesus walked this lonesome valley, he had to walk it by himself;
Oh, nobody else could walk it for him, he had to walk it by himself.
We must this lonesome valley, we have to walk it by ourselves;
Oh, nobody else can walk it for us, we have to walk it by ourselves.
You must go and stand your trial, you have to stand it by yourself,
Oh, nobody else can stand it for you, you have to stand it by yourself.
And through these days of penitence, and through thy Passiontide,
Yea, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.*

Benediction

Matt Vandagriff

Postlude

Fugue

Julia Matthews

Louis Nicolas Clérambault

Coming Up in the Life of KBC

Women's Fellowship

Thursday, February 26

In-Person, 10:30 am in the Parlor

We will continue our study of the book, "Learning to Walk in the Dark."



This year's Easter flower order will be white hydrangeas. These flowers can be dedicated in honor of or in memory of loved ones or you can order one just for yourself. They will be used to beautify our sanctuary on Easter morning and then can be taken home to enjoy.



To order, scan the QR code, click the link in The Kindler, or call the office by Feb 25. They are \$15 each.



Deacon Nominations

2026-2027

If you have not already done so, please remember to submit your Deacon Nomination form today before you leave. There are boxes in the Narthex and Welcome Center. Thank you!



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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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Gospel Reading Ensemble

Narrator — Amy Easterling Jesus — Steve Vance
Disciples — Phil Maxwell Thomas — Bryan Troop
Martha — Mary Hastings Mary — Mary Vance

Worship Leaders

Deacon for the Week/Reader
Candle Lighter/Bible Opener/Reader
Readers
Camera Operator & Videographer
Sound Operator
Chancel Ringers
Organ & Piano
Sanctuary Choir

Donna Church
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Trish Ordelheide & Donna Church
Thomas Vandagriff
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