

OUR WORSHIP OF GOD
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 17, 2023, 10:30

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

Chiming

Welcome and Life of the Church

Matt Vandagriff

Gathering Prayer

Voluntary

Children of the Heavenly Father
arr. Cathy Moglebust

Chancel Ringers

God God's own doth tend and nourish; in God's holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things God spares them; in God's mighty arms God bears them.
Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord God's children sever;
unto them free grace God showeth, and their sorrows all God knoweth.

Opening of the Bible and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Anna Henry

+Opening Declaration and Invitation to Worship

Kyle Damron

This is the place and this is the time;
Here and now, God waits to break into our experience:
to change our minds, to change our lives, to change our ways;
to make us see the world and the whole of life in a new light:
to fill us with hope, joy and certainty for the future.
This is the place as are all places; this is time as are all times.
Here and now let us praise God.

+Hymn 77

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving

Krissi Vandagriff

+Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

We invite you to also pass the peace via text to someone not here today or to whomever needs encouragement

+Hymn **Let Us Build a House** TWO OAKS
Stanzas 1, 2, 4, 5
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A Call to Prayer Emphasis **Restoring Sacred Spaces** Von Hulin

Prayer of Dedication

Anthem **Joy in the Morning** Sanctuary Choir
Natalie Sleeth

Joy, there'll be joy in the morning on that day,
For the daylight will dawn when the darkness is gone,
There'll be joy in the morning on that day.
There'll be peace and contentment evermore,
Every heart, every voice on that day will rejoice,
There'll be peace and contentment evermore.
And the glory of the Lord will shine upon us,
And the glory of the Lord will bring the truth divine.
There'll be love and forgiveness everywhere,
And the way of the Lord will that day be restored,
There'll be love, sweet love everywhere.

+Gospel Reading John 16:16-22 Allison Felter

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Christ.

Sermon Matt Vandagriff

+Hymn 596 **We're Marching to Zion** MARCHING TO ZION
Stanzas 1, 3, 4

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory **O Love That Will Not Let Me Go** Julia Matthews
Robert Hebble

Oh Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.

+Hymn **Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow** OLD HUNDREDTH

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

Let Us Build a House

Voice

Let us build a house where love can dwell and
 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and
 Let us build a house where love is found in
 Let us build a house where hands will reach be -
 Let us build a house where all are named, their

3
 all can safe - ly live. A place where saints and
 words are strong and true. Where all God's chil - dren
 wa - ter, wine and wheat: A ban - quet hall on
 yond the wood and stone to heal and strength - en,
 songs and vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured,

6
 chil - dren tell how hearts learn to for - give. Built of
 dare to seek to dream God's reign a - new. Here the
 ho - ly ground, where peace and jus - tice meet, Here the
 serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the
 taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of

9
 hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of
 cross shall stand as wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's
 love of God, through Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and
 out - cast and the strang - er bear the im - age of God's
 tears and cries and laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of

12
 grace, Here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions: All are wel - come,
 grace; Here as one we claim the faith of Je - sus;
 space, As we share the feast that is be - fore us,
 face; let us bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 grace; let this house pro - claim from floor to raf - ter:

16
 all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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 answers to your questions. Additionally, please feel free to email one of the pastoral staff as we would love the opportunity to tell you more about this community.

**A nursery is available for Birth—Pre-K children. See an usher or minister for details. Hearing devices are available from an usher at your request.*

The single rose is in celebration of the birth of James Powers on September 8, 2023 to Sean & Lindsey Powers. Sara Warren Klawiter is the proud grandma. This is her 8th grandchild.

HANDS



KIRKWOOD

YOU can help by...

- Making minor home repairs or doing yard work
- Clearing gravesites at Father Dickson's Historic Cemetery
- Picking up donations in neighborhoods
- Filling the yellow bag placed at your home
- Donating goods using our Amazon Store to help families in Kirkwood School District



VOLUNTEER! >



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WHAT IS HANDS ON KIRKWOOD?

Hands on Kirkwood is a day when ALL residents are encouraged and empowered to serve their neighbors. Every year new organizations, clubs, individuals, and churches join in the work. Bringing together people of various races, beliefs, cultures, and perspectives to serve our community cultivates a spirit of cooperation and unity. YOUR hands can make a difference

LEND YOUR HANDS

First Saturday in October!

Saturday, October 7

Portions of today's liturgy come from:

- ◆ *The Worship Sourcebook*, Second Edition, co-published by The Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, Faith Alive Christian Resources, Baker Books, ©2013.
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Sound Operator
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Restoring Sacred Spaces

Together We Rebuild and Renew

Kirkwood Baptist Church has voted to make this investment through a capital campaign with the theme of Restoring Sacred Spaces: Together We Rebuild and Renew. The goal of this campaign is to invest in KBC's infrastructure so that we can continue our current ministries as well as conceivably expand our ministerial offerings.

As we continue our journey together and begin this process, we want to encourage you to focus some of your prayers for the ministries of our church through the use of this prayer calendar.

<p><u>MONDAY 9/18:</u> Please pray for all of those who have been able to use the Hospitality Houses while their child was receiving much needed medical care. Without this ministry, many families would have to make some difficult choices about the cost of staying in a hotel or not being as present as they would like to be. Pray for those families and children who will be referred to one of the houses.</p>	<p><u>TUESDAY 9/19:</u> Today we focus on some of the ministries and God moments that take place in our sanctuary. We pray for all of those who attend in person and those who are able to connect with KBC virtually. We are grateful for the many baby dedications, concerts, Easter services with the floral cross and the Hallelujah chorus, Candlelight Christmas Eve services, HOK gatherings, Bible openings and Christ Candle lightings. What a gift it is when we are able to celebrate the life of one of our loved ones in this space. We pray for all of these moments and those touched by each of them.</p>
<p><u>WEDNESDAY 9/20:</u> We have been so blessed by outside space. Our parking lots are more than just a place to park. They have served HOK car maintenance, youth car washes, worship and funeral service opportunities during the pandemic as well as relationship building with our neighbors. Our yard spaces have been used for concerts and messy games. While not everyone is aware of the prayer garden, several of our neighbors are and they often place prayer requests for some very serious issues. Please pray for all of the ministries that take place on the "outdoors" of our church.</p>	<p><u>THURSDAY 9/21:</u> Our focus on the lower level of our church should not be taken lightly as it is one of the biggest reasons we are planning for the future and how God's kingdom is carried on. The lower level of KBC houses the Preschool and Children's Sunday School rooms where our little ones are taught that Jesus loves them and that church is a safe place. The WEE Center is also on the lower level- this ministry not only provides a service to the community but connects many of those families to KBC. One of our greatest assets is also found on the lower level- our youth. Please pray for these amazing young people as they continue to grow in their faith while surrounded by their loving church family.</p>
<p><u>FRIDAY 9/22:</u> Please pray for all of the adult Sunday School classes and groups that meet in our church. Some of those groups include Men's Prayer groups, Women's Spiritual Friendship, Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous and Overeaters Anonymous. Pray for the many committees that meet in order to plan and carry out ministry opportunities. Pray for the SS leaders, ministers and staff who help guide and support us on our faith journey.</p>	<p><u>SATURDAY 9/23:</u> Today we pray for some of the ministries that take place outside of these walls- pray for the work of the Girl's Bible study group, Family Food Pantry, Cuba Mission Trips, and Hands on Kirkwood. Pray that we continue to share God's love with all that we come into contact.</p>
<p><u>SUNDAY 9/24:</u> As you prepare for church today, pray for our music ministry. Pray for all of those who lead us in worship, in rehearsals and community offerings. We pray for those who share their gifts of music through their voice and various instruments. Pray for the community groups that use our space for rehearsals and performances. We are grateful for the ways that music can minister to us.</p>	

Gracious God- In your mercy, hear our prayers.