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Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 15, 2020

The 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Welcome

Rev. Sandra Hedrick

Prelude

Celebration Hymnal #34

“He Is Lord”

He is Lord, he is Lord!
He is risen from the dead
and he is Lord!

Every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord. (*repeat hymn*)

Call to Worship (from 1 Thess. 5:5-10)

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One: Come sons of the Light; come daughters of the Day!

Many: Come wearing the clothing of faith, hope and love.

One: Come with your eyes wide open, ready to greet the Lord.

Many: Come as one people, alive in Christ together.

All: Let us worship God!

Gathering Prayer

Shawn Brecht

Call to Confession (from 1 Thess. 5:9)

Shawn Brecht

One: God’s love has not destined us for wrath, but for salvation. Therefore, let us confess our sins to the One who is eager to save.

Prayer of Confession

Shawn Brecht

Many: Lord God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We have not honored you, and we have not loved one another.

In the light of your goodness, our weakness is exposed. We cling to our fears and do not seek your deliverance. We use words that tear others down rather than building them up. We resist the change that is necessary for healing.

Only you are faithful, Lord, and we need your mercy. Shine the light of your love on us and on this church. Open our eyes, direct our feet, and show us your more excellent way. We pray this in the name of Jesus.

One: Please continue in silent confession....Amen.

We Are Forgiven! (from 1 Thess. 5:5, 10)

Shawn Brecht

One: Children of the Light, we have nothing to fear! We belong to Jesus Christ, who was raised for our salvation. Believe the good news: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: Thank you Lord! Amen!

Word

A Time for Children

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Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

1 Thess. 5:1-11

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Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness.

So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.

Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Message

"Encourage One Another and Build Up One Another"

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Invitation to Discipleship

Prayers and Offering

Prayers of the People/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.

Invitation to Offering/Ministry Announcements

Financial Giving - *“God has entrusted us with a variety of gifts; let us return to the Lord a generous measure of our bounty, with thanksgiving and praise!”* (from Matt. 25:14-15) Thank you for blessing this ministry through your tithes and offerings. Our online giving portal can be accessed [here](#).

Next Sunday, November 22 - Next Sunday we will share the Lord’s Supper, AND, weather permitting, we will enjoy an outdoor picnic after the service where hamburgers and hotdogs will be served.

Congregational Meeting - A Congregational Meeting will be held immediately after worship on November 22, 2020. The purpose of this meeting is to elect ruling elders for class of 2023.

Pumpkin Patch Report and Thank You - We are happy to report that our pumpkin sales exceeded our prior record, which was \$10,036 in 2018. This year we sold \$4,600 more! The amount we retain will be about \$4,800. We appreciate everyone’s part in this fun and community-building fundraiser for Kirkwood!

Angel Tree 2020 - Kirkwood will be partnering again with the Salvation Army in sponsoring an “Angel Tree” for Christmas gifts for local children. The gift tags will be available next week, and the gifts will be due back before Monday, December 7.

Healing Service on Wednesday Night - “Healing” is the theme of our 6:00 p.m. service this Wednesday, November 18, 2020, via Zoom. If you or someone you know is in need of a message and prayer for healing of mind, body or spirit, you are welcome and encouraged to attend. The service will last approximately 35 minutes.

Spanish Bible Study - Spanish Bible Study continues this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. We will study Matthew 10:16-42 - Christ and the cost of discipleship.

El estudio bíblico en español continúa este miércoles a las 7:00 p.m. Estudiaremos Mateo 10: 16-42: Cristo y el costo del discipulado.

The Zoom link will be sent to those wishing to participate. Please contact Yvette Grant at 904.881.3289 or at clgygcj2@yahoo.com if you wish to participate.

Presbyterian Women's Christmas Party - The Presbyterian Women's Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 6, from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Deborah Ruth's house, which is located at 1047 Autumn Pines Dr., Orange Park, 32065. Masks will be required. We'll celebrate with an Ugly Sweater Contest, a Cookie Exchange, revealing our Secret Sisters, choosing a new Secret Sister, and a White Elephant gift exchange. Those who want to continue to celebrate, can join others for a dinner at a local restaurant! Please call or text Kathy Stanley at 904.302.9030 if you plan to attend!

To participate in the cookie exchange, please deliver your cookies by Friday, December 4, at 12:00 p.m. to the church. Please give your recipe to Lois Morse or email it to ldmorse@bellsouth.net and we'll put together a small Holiday Cookbook.

Sending

Charge and Blessing (from 1 Thess. 5:11, 2 Cor. 13:14) Rev. Sandra Hedrick

One: Encourage one another, and build each other up, faithfully working together for the kingdom of God, as we await the day of God's coming.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

All: Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

Celebration Hymnal #184

"Thy Word"

Refrain:

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, and I think
I've lost my way,
still you're there right beside me.
Nothing will I fear as long as

you are near.

Please be near me to the end.

Refrain

I will not forget your love for me,
and yet my heart forever
is wandering.

Jesus, be my guide and hold me to
your side;

I will love you to the end. *Refrain*

Worship Notes: Thank you to Damon Martin for the hymn arrangement! Song credits: "He Is Lord"- Public Domain; "Thy Word" - Amy Grant, Michael W. Smith © 1984 Meadowgreen Music Company, Curb Word Music, CCLI License #11509317. Portions of our liturgy today are adapted from resources in Feasting on the Word Worship Companion (Kimberly B. Long, Ed.).



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