

Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 3, 2025 Communion Sunday and 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Kathy Foresi

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

*Opening Hymn

Glory to God Hymnal #406 (2x)

"We are Standing on Holy Ground"

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 107)

Worship Leader

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good, **People: for God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, **People: those God redeemed from trouble;** Leader: They cried to the Lord in their trouble,

People: and God delivered them from their distress. Leader: Let us thank the Lord for God's steadfast love,

All: For God satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

A Time for Children

Rev. Amy Camp

(Children will go to Sunday School)

Gathering Prayer

Kathy Foresi

Call to Confession

Rev. Amy Camp

Leader: The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins using the Prayer of Confession followed by a time of silent prayer.

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Amy Camp

People: God of the risen Christ, you broke the power of sin and evil. Yet we still live with forgetfulness, anxiety, and fear. We have failed to love you as we should. We have neglected to love our neighbor. In fact, we have even failed to love ourselves. Release us so we can see your image in one another and in your good creation. Truly, free us from the grave of self-hatred so we can see ourselves as your children.

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

^{*}please stand

Assurance of Pardon Rev. Amy Camp

Leader: Friends, hear the Good News! God's love lasts forever.

People: There is no place it cannot reach. There is no age it cannot touch.

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Word

New Testament Lesson

Luke 12:13-21

Kathy Foresi

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Reader: The word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 43:16-21

Rev. Amy Camp

Thus says the Lord,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down; they cannot rise;
they are extinguished,
quenched like a wick:
Do not remember the former things
or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth;
do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Reader: The word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Message

"Our Way-Making God"

Rev. Amy Camp

*Middle Hymn

"The Table"

The Lord's Supper

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.

The Lord's Supper

Giving Thanks to God with Our Gifts and Offerings

Offertory Song

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

People: O God, may these gifts serve as a witness to your love, peace, and justice at work in the world, renewing all in your creation. Amen.

Sending

*Closing Hymn Glory to God Hymnal #295 v. 1, 2, & 4 "Go to the World!"

Charge and Blessing Rev. Amy Camp

Announcements

Guest Preacher Rev. Amy Camp - This morning, we welcome Rev. Amy Camp as our guest preacher. As Parish Associate at Memorial Presbyterian in St. Augustine, Amy's special interests in ministry are Stephen Ministry, pastoral care, addiction & recovery, and spiritual practices. Amy received her Masters of Divinity from Columbia Theological Seminary in 2000. She has a Certificate in Spiritual Formation also from Columbia and is a certified 200-hour Yoga Teacher. She enjoys teaching yoga on the church lawn, spending time with her family and friends, trail running in Anastasia State Park, and playing with her Beagle.

Bunko August 9 - The next Bunko night is scheduled for this Saturday, August 9, at 6:00 p.m. No experience is required, and it is fun for all ages. A \$10.00 donation is asked for each person and includes dessert. All proceeds go to the church's building and grounds fund.

Session Meeting August 10 - The Session will meet next Sunday, August 10, after worship.

Presbyterian Women's Horizons Bible Study Event August 23 - It's almost time for the 2025-2026 Presbyterian Women's Horizons Bible Study Event coming up on Saturday, August 23. The event will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Montgomery Conference Center, 88 SE 75th Street, Keystone Heights, FL 32091. A brochure with the full event information and payment information can be found posted on the Presbyterian Women's bulletin board in the hallway and in tomorrow's newsletter. There is a \$5.00 discount for paying before August 10.

Update on Railroad Tie Replacements - We have met our goal!! We have raised enough funds to purchase 150 concrete ties to replace the rotting ones in the church yard. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this cause.

Assistance Needed with Mowing - Volunteers are needed to help mow the yard. The mowing doesn't have to be done on a Saturday, and you don't have to mow the whole property. If you can help at any time, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. If you have any questions, please call or text Shawn at 904.718.3128 or Larry Hadrava at 904.476.9398.

Financial Giving - You may place your offering in the offering plate, drop off a check at the office, put it in the mail, or use our online giving portal that can be accessed <u>here</u> or by scanning the QR code to the right.



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