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## Presbyterian Church

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### A Vanguard Presbyterian Church

“God is calling His people to worship Himself alone.”



Order of Worship for Sunday, August 18, 2024

### Preparation for Worship

[1 Timothy 1:17 \(LSB\)](#)

Now to the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, *be* honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

# Welcome and Call to Worship

Psalm 115

(LSB)

Not to us, O Yahweh, not to us,  
But to Your name give glory

**Because of Your lovingkindness,  
Because of Your truth.**

Why should the nations say,  
“Where, now, is their God?”

**But our God is in the heavens;  
He does whatever He pleases.**

**Psalm of Worship and Adoration**  
Psalm #115B of Trinity Psalter Hymnal  
Not unto Us, O Lord of Heaven  
Verses 1-5

## Salutation and Response

In the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost!

**Amen**

Yahweh be with you!

**And also with you!**

Our help is in the Name of Yahweh

**Who made heaven and earth!**

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit.

**A broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.**

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Praise

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## 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.]

**Confession of Faith**  
**Westminster Confession of Faith**  
**Chapter 2, Paragraph 2**

**God hath all life, glory, goodness, blessedness, in and of Himself; and is alone in and unto Himself all-sufficient, not standing in need of any creatures which He hath made, nor deriving any glory from them, but only manifesting His Own glory in, by, unto, and upon them. He is the alone fountain of all being, of Whom, through Whom, and to Whom are all things; and hath most sovereign dominion over them, to do by them, for them, or upon them whatsoever Himself pleaseth. In His sight all things are open and manifest, His knowledge is infinite, infallible, and independent upon the creature, so as nothing is to Him contingent, or uncertain. He is most holy in all His counsels, in all His works, and in all His commands. To Him is due from angels and men, and every other creature, whatsoever worship, service, or obedience He is pleased to require of them.**

**Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father And to the Son And to the Holy Ghost!  
As it was in the beginning, Is now and ever shall be:  
World without end! Amen, amen.

**Corporate Confession of Sin**

**O Righteous and Holy Sovereign, in Whose hand is my life and Whose are all my ways, keep me from fluttering about religion; fix me firm in it, for I am irresolute, my decisions are smoke and vapor, and I do not glorify You or behave according to Your will. Cut me not off before my thoughts grow to responses and the**

budding of my soul into full flower, for You are forbearing and good, patient and kind. Save me from myself, from the artifices and deceits of sin, from the treachery of my perverse nature, from denying Your charge against my offenses, from a life of continual rebellion against You, from wrong principles, views, and ends; for I know that all my thoughts, affections, desires, and pursuits are alienated from You. I have acted as if I hated You, although You are love itself. I have contrived to tempt You to the uttermost, to wear out Your patience; have lived evilly in word and action. O Father of my spirit, King of my life, cast me not into destruction, drive me not from Your presence, but wound my heart that it may be healed; break it that Your Own hand may make it whole.  
Amen.

### Individual Confession of Sin

Take a moment for individual silent confession of sin.

#### Assurance of Pardon

[Jeremiah 33:8](#)

(LSB)

And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity by which they have sinned against Me, and I will pardon all their iniquities by which they have sinned against Me and by which they have transgressed against Me.

*In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.*

**Thanks be to God!**

**Hymn of Rejoicing**  
Hymn #216 of Trinity Psalter Hymnal  
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty  
Verses 1-4

**Passing of the Peace**

Having made peace with the Father by His Son our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through the powerful work of the Holy Spirit, we can have peace with one another.

May the peace of Christ be with you!

**And also with you!**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

(Greet one another by saying, "May the peace of Christ be with you," and responding, "And also with you!")

**Prayers of Rest and Supplication**

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**Scripture Reading**

**Ecclesiastes 12**

(LSB)

Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days happen and the years draw near in which you will say, "I have no delight in them;" before the sun and the light, the moon and the stars are darkened, and clouds return after the rain; in the day that the watchmen of the house tremble, and valiant men bend down, the grinding ones stand idle because they are few, and those who look

through windows grow dark; and the doors on the street are shut as the sound of the grinding mill is low, and one will arise at the sound of the bird, and all the daughters of song will sing softly.

Furthermore, men are afraid of a high place and of terrors on the road; the almond tree blooms, the grasshopper drags itself along, and the caperberry is ineffective. For man goes to his eternal home, but the mourners go about in the street. Remember Him before the silver cord is snapped and the golden bowl is crushed, the pitcher by the spring is broken and the wheel at the cistern is crushed; then the dust will return to the earth as it was, and the spirit will return to God Who gave it. "Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher, "All is vanity!"

In addition to being a wise man, the Preacher also taught the people knowledge; and he pondered, searched out, and arranged many proverbs. The Preacher sought to find delightful words and words of truth written uprightly.

The words of wise men are like goads, and masters of these collections are like well-driven nails; they are given by one Shepherd. But in addition to this, my son, be warned: the making of many books is endless, and much devotion to books is wearying to the flesh.

The end of the matter, all that has been heard: fear God and keep His commandments, because this is the end of the matter for all mankind. For God will bring every work to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil.

## **Worship through Giving**

Yahweh has generously given us both temporal and eternal life.  
Let us joyfully give Him a small token of our gratitude as He leads.

### **Doxology**

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!  
Praise Him all creatures here below!  
Praise Him above, ye, heavenly host!  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

### **Lamentation over Judgment**

[Micah 1:8-16](#)

Lamentation over the outpouring of God's wrath is deeply appropriate.

#### **I. Lamentation of the Righteous**



## II. Shame of Destruction

## III. Emptiness of Exile

**Song of Response**  
Hymn #463 of Trinity Psalter Hymnal  
O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!  
Verses 1-2

**The Sacrament of Communion**

Invitation and Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Distribution of the Elements

**Song of Dedication**  
Hymn #463 of Trinity Psalter Hymnal  
O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!  
Verse 3

**Benediction**  
Ephesians 3:20-21  
(LSB)

Now to Him Who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or understand, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

**Hymn of Dismissal**  
Hymn #224 of Trinity Psalter Hymnal  
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise  
Verse 1

**Taking the Word into the World**  
Romans 11:33, 36  
(LSB)

33 Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!  
How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!  
36 For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.  
To Him be the glory forever. Amen.

# Great Commission Discipleship

**Covenantal Worship: Sunday School, Prayer, & Worship**  
Sundays @ 9:30AM, 10:15AM, & 10:45AM @ Olathe Swygards

**Teaching: Discipleship Bible Study of 2 Peter**  
Wednesdays @ 6:45 PM @ Olathe Swygards

**Going: Do You Believe?**  
Book of John: Saturdays @ 1:00PM  
Sweet Tee's: 2063 E Santa Fe St., Olathe, KS 66062

## What Sets Us Apart

Kirk of the Way Presbyterian Church is Kansas City's first local congregation of the Vanguard Presbyterian Church.

Presbyterians faithful to Scripture uphold a high view of covenant, sound doctrine, the sovereignty of God in salvation, and plurality of leadership that mutually maintains accountability to the unchanging standard of truth and wisdom God has established and revealed.

Vanguard was established in 2020 to be distinctive—primarily—on these three principles:

- 1) **Faithfulness:** all elders believe in the inspired, infallible Word of God and take no exceptions to the Westminster Standards.
- 2) **Accountability:** all committees are accountable to the entire body of elders.
- 3) **Growth:** all Vanguard churches are seeking to plant and grow churches by finding the lost evangelistically and discipling believers to believe God, to hope in God, and to love God and neighbor, all by the means of grace: worship, Scripture, sacraments, prayer, and increasing obedience—and all because of His eternal, covenantal love for His people.

**[Come and see Jesus! Come and live by faith! Love and worship Him! Soli Deo Gloria!](#)**

### Weekly Rhythm

Sunday School, Prayer, and Covenantal Worship.....Sundays beginning @ 9:30 AM  
Discipleship Bible Study.....Wednesdays beginning @ 6:45PM  
Gospel of John Study.....Saturdays @ Sweet Tee's beginning @ 1:00 PM

As you are going, 1) ask, "What is your chief end?" and 2) invite your new friend to a "Glory Gazing Bible Study" on the "Five Gospel Greats!"

For more information  
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[vanguardpresbyterianchurch.com](http://vanguardpresbyterianchurch.com)