KIRKPATRICK MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, November 8, 2026
9:30am
Rev. Dr. Barbara Booth-Jarmon

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP **PSALM 78 P.579**
PRELUDE
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering of the People

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: The Lord is coming! Let us prepare our hearts to welcome Christ.
People: **We come to worship, waiting in hope and trusting in God's promises.**
Liturgist: Even when the night seems long, God's light continues to shine.
People: **We will keep our lamps burning and our hearts open to the Lord.**
Liturgist: Let us rejoice in the One who calls us to watch, wait, and live faithfully.
People: **Let us worship God, whose light shines in the darkness and whose promises never fail!**

***GATHERING SONGS**

"All The People Said Amen" Matt Maher, Trevor Morgan & Paul Moak
"Sing A Song" Brad Avery, David Carr, Mac Powell, Mark D Lee & Tai Anderson

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and patient God, we confess that we are not always ready for your coming. We become so occupied with our daily routines that we forget to look for your presence. We allow worry to overshadow hope, busyness to replace prayer, and selfishness to dim the light of love. Jesus calls us to be watchful and ready, yet we often become distracted by the worries and demands of daily life. We neglect the light of faith, grow weary in doing good, and forget to look for God's presence among us.

Silent Confession

Forgive us when we grow spiritually weary. Forgive us when we fail to care for our neighbors, when we overlook those who are lonely, and when we keep the light of your grace to ourselves. Teach us to live faithfully in the waiting. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, renew our hope, and help us shine with compassion, generosity, and peace. Keep our hearts attentive to your call, that we may be ready to welcome Christ whenever He comes. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI** Hymn #813

The Word

*Please stand if you are able **Bold – Congregants speak.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 p. 1170
Matthew 25:1-13 p. 983

SERMON **"Waiting"** Pastor Barbara

Responding to the Word

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** "This Little Light of Mine" Traditional Spiritual

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in God, whose light shines in the darkness and whose promises sustain us through every season of life.
We believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who calls us to watchfulness, faithfulness, and love as we await the fullness of God's kingdom.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, who strengthens our faith, renews our hope, and equips us to serve our neighbors.
We trust that God's grace sustains us, even when our faith grows weary, and that Christ calls us to live each day in hope and readiness.
Therefore, we will seek justice, practice kindness, share God's love, and keep watch for the coming of our Lord.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY** #815

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, we offer these gifts with thankful hearts. Use them to bring light where there is darkness, hope where there is despair, and comfort where there is suffering. Help us use not only our money but also our time, our talents and our lives in faithful service to you. May our offerings reflect our readiness to follow Christ and our desire to share His love with all people. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Sending

***SENDING HYMN** "Be Thou My Vision" #562

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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Announcements

Prayer Concerns - If you are worshiping with us online, please use the chat feature to type your prayers and we will include your concerns.

Jazz Vespers: A monthly offering of poetry, music, and quiet centering in the Princeton University Chapel offered by the Office of Religious Life of Princeton University. The final 2026 fall date is 11/11, 8-9pm (Wednesday).

Thanksgiving Eve Service: We invite you to join with us to begin the Thanksgiving holiday with a worship service on Wednesday evening, November 25 at 7:00 p.m. at Reaville Church. The Rev. John Potter will preach with the Rev. Charles A. Green also participating. Contact Norma Zimmerman for additional information.

🔔**The Bells of Kirkpatrick** Please contact Sharyn at (908) 399-3468 or sharydan@gmail.com if you'd like to join them next time they play.

Food Ministry: Kirkpatrick's food ministry is in need of financial and food donations as we approach the holiday season. Please pray for this valuable ministry and consider donating so that we can continue the good work we have been doing for many years. Contact Sue King with any questions.

Bible Study: Monday nights at 6:30pm in the library and on zoom.
Zoom address: https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78136532296?

Flowers: If you would like to beautify our worship space by contribution flowers, Gilded Lily will provide them for $20 each; choose if you'd like 1 or 2 arrangements. Please contact Sharyn to make arrangements.

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