

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Sunday 9/27: Join us after the service for coffee in Fellowship Hall!
Kirkland Chamber of Commerce Celebration in Franklin Park, 2-4pm.
See information on bulletin board and inside this bulletin.
- Monday 9/28: Clothes Closet open, 12-1:30pm.
- Tuesday 9/29: Food Pantry Set-up, 9:30-11am; distr., 12-2pm.
- Thursday 10/1: Food Truck Delivery, 8am.
- Saturday 10/3: Communion Service, 5:30pm.
- Sunday 10/4: Communion Service, 9am.

PARISH CONCERNS:

- Burt Andrews II is now under the care of hospice. He has been battling cancer. Pray for all the Andrews family. This is Burt Andrews III's father.
- Marilyn Roser, John Roser and Mary Loomis' mother is in hospice care.
- Elsie Sanford was experiencing physical distress and is home from her recent stay at St. Anthony Hospital.
- Leanne Valasek's hernia surgery has been postponed.
- Bishop Emeritus John Bradosky reports healing progress and is grateful for everyone's prayers.
- Connie Schauer had her last radiation treatment on Friday and is optimistic. She thanks everyone for prayers and cards.
- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound especially Ina Koehler, Nancy Bakanas, and George Vodden.
- Wildfires in the Western states.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams.
- All pregnant women and the babies they are carrying.
- All elected leaders, police officers, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear and receive God's guidance and protection.
- All who are providing essential services during the pandemic, and all who are affected by it.
- Our church and its activities, and all Christian churches.
- Persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great River Mission District, all Christian churches, and our partners in SC and PA.



Confirmation



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*Saturday September 26, 2020
Readings for the 17th Sunday after Pentecost*

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(with scripture readings for the 17th Sunday after Pentecost)

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL who are worshiping with us today! We hope that the service will be a joy and blessing to you.

THE SERVICE BEGINS

P We begin this service IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER:

C Dear Heavenly Father, we praise you for sending us the Holy Spirit, to be with us always and to remind us of your son;

P AND OF THE SON:

C Dear Lord Jesus Christ, you comforted your followers with the promise of the Holy Spirit, who makes us holy;

P AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

C Dear Holy Spirit, you came upon the church at Pentecost. Fill the church with your presence and power, now and always!

All: AMEN!

OPENING SONG: “I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry”

WOV 770

WE CONFESS

P Let us confess our weakness and sin, and hear the comfort of God.

C Dear Holy Spirit, we do not know how to pray as we ought. We confess that we have lived according to the flesh, with our minds set on the things of the flesh. We know this is death. We pray that each day you will set us free, setting our minds on the things of the Spirit, which is life and peace.

(Romans 8:5-6,26)

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

P The Spirit helps us in our weakness, and prays for us with sighs too deep for words. You are no longer in the flesh, you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. He who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit, who dwells in you. There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. His peace be with you.

(Romans 8:1,9,11,26)

C And also with you.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

PSALM 25:1-9 (Read responsively by whole verse)

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EPISTLE READING

Philippians 2:1-16

P The Word of our Lord **C** Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

John 15:1-5, 8-12

P The Gospel of our Lord **C** Thanks be to God.

SERMON: “CONFIRMATION DAY”

STATEMENT OF FAITH – Apostles’ Creed

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THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD’S PRAYER

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OFFERING

CLOSING RESPONSIVE READING

(The prophecy of Joel, recorded in Acts 2:17-21)

P In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,

C And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy!

P And your young men shall see visions!

C And your old men shall dream dreams!

P Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

C Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

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P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

CONFIRMATION DAY

Please pray for our Confirmation students as they are confirmed tomorrow morning. Our confirmands are: Calli Emerich, Cameron Emerich, Abby Springborn, Lucas Sunderlage and Edwin Heck.

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BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Denny Rehn 9/29

Paisley Haag 9/29/15

Joanne Sanderson 10/2

Dawn Myelle-Watson 10/3

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!!

Janet & Jerry Sheehan 9/29/95

Andy & Izabelle Rasmussen 10/3/09

THE GREATER KIRKLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CELEBRATION

Today, On Sunday, September 27 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Franklin Township Park Shelter House, **Pastor Carl and Nancy Rasmussen** will be honored for their 30 years of service to Kirkland. John and Jean Royalty will also be honored, with the Fred Manni award. Please see the poster on the narthex bulletin board.

Epistle Reading: Philippians 2:1-16

¹So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ¹²Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.]¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or disputing, ¹⁵that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.

Gospel: John 15:1-5, 8-12

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.