



DOWNTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**We Live Into Jesus' Inclusive Call to Love
Every Person, Care for Creation,
And Work for God's Justice.**

*Kindness
Goodness*

August 9th

Welcome Visitors!

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Nursery Care is available for young children 6 years and under either in the church library or C-23 on the second floor. Check with an usher. Parents are welcome to stay with their children if they would like.

Sunday School - Is on summer recess and will return in the fall. Children not in nursery care will be invited forward during the "Time with Young Disciples" and then will remain in the service.

You may place your offering in the offering plates as they are passed. If you would like to donate online, you can use the QR code to the right to make your contribution to the church.



This is a Hearing Loop equipped sanctuary – please switch your hearing aid to the "T" (telephone) position.

† **We seek** to use diverse images and liberating language about divine presence in our services of worship. Please feel free to adapt the words in hymns and prayers as needed so that they express your faith.

* **An asterisk indicates** "please rise in body or spirit."

We hope you will join us after worship for conversations and refreshments! Cookies and drinks are available in the front of the sanctuary.

Joys and Concerns – If you have a joy or concern that you would like to lift in prayer today, please complete a Prayer Request card (available by the worship bulletins) naming the person (s), situation or event, and any other information that you would like to be shared. The requests will be collected during the hymn following the sermon and provided to the Deacons.

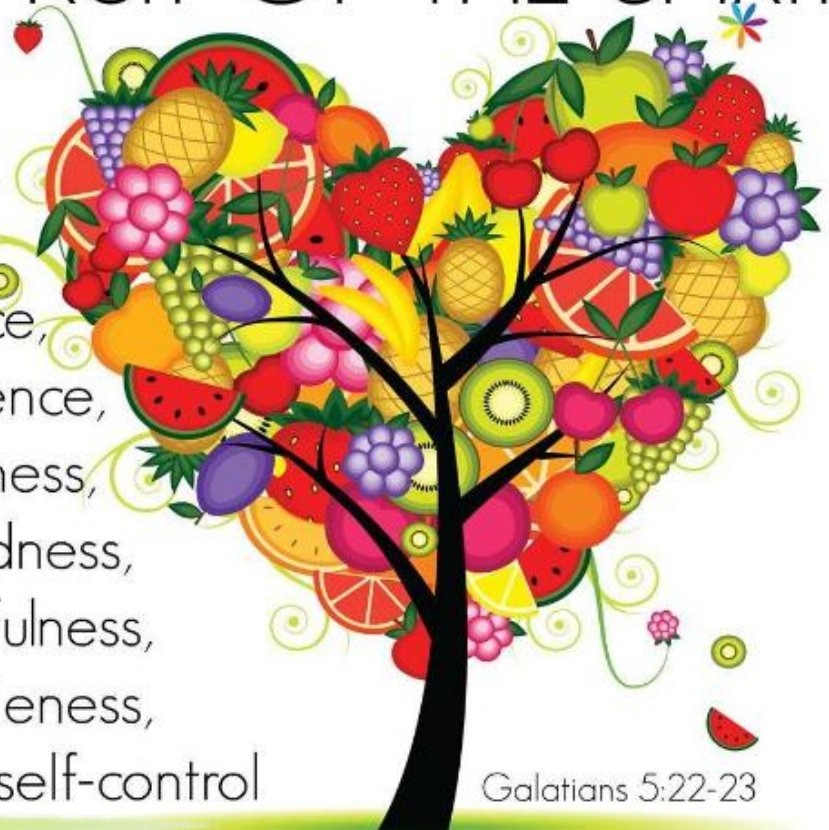
If you would like to honor someone or a special event with flowers you can purchase a bouquet (\$35) for a future worship service by contacting Deacon Helen Ganotis at <helenganotis@gmail.com>.

Summer Sermon Series, 2026

*"Against
such things
there is no law."*

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

love,
joy,
peace,
patience,
kindness,
goodness,
faithfulness,
gentleness,
and self-control



Galatians 5:22-23

Raspberries have been chosen to represent Kindness on the bulletin cover because in early Christian artwork they symbolized kindness. Monks cultivated raspberry bushes, associating the fruit with piety and generosity. Goodness is represented by the apple because it is often linked with purity and innocence and also the bounty or goodness of the harvest.

Coming up at Downtown United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 9

9:00AM Musicians' Warm-up
9:45AM Nursery
10:00AM Worship
11:00PM Refreshments, Sanctuary

Tuesday, August 11

10:00AM Personnel Meeting, Hybrid

Thursday, August 13

5:00PM Finance Team Mtg., Zoom
7:30PM Property Team Mtg., Zoom

Sunday, August 16

9:00AM Musicians' Warm-up
9:45AM Nursery
10:00AM Worship
11:00PM Refreshments, Sanctuary

Celebration of Worship

August 9th, 2026 10:00 AM

11th Sunday after Pentecost

[Click Here to Worship Online](#)

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Prelude Meditation on "What Does the Lord Require of You"

Words of Welcome

Reverend Kristina Hansen

Announcements

Nancy Brown

Chime

Introit

God Is So Good

GOD IS SO GOOD

God is so good (3x)

God's so good to me

God cares for me (3x)

God's so good to me

God loves me so (3x)

God's so good to me

*Call to Worship

One: Worshiping people, what is good?

Many: God is good, all the time! All the time, God is good!

One: What does God require of us?

Many: To do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with God!

One: God calls us to kindness and goodness.

Many: We seek to be kind. We strive to do good!

One: Let us worship and reflect together in the presence of the Holy Spirit!

Many: Holy One, open our lips, and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

*Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

(Music may be found on page 9.)

*Prayer of Invocation

Loving God, teach us in this time of worship
the lessons of kindness and goodness.

Enable us to see beyond the surface, beyond shallow understandings
into the depths of spiritual understanding
where kindness and goodness run deep and true.

In this time of worship, may the eyes of our heart be clear and open
to your grace.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Source of Holiness, Source of Kindness and Goodness,

we are affected by the unkindness and cruelty that surrounds us

by the callousness and disregard of public figures and fellow citizens.

Help us not to succumb to these attitudes and behaviors.

Forgive us where we have fallen into their trap.

Protect our hearts that they may be kind;

Protect our lives that we may do good.

In all that we are and do, may we lift up your goodness and kindness
and light the path for others to find your expansive mercy and grace.

We pray in Jesus name.

(A moment of silence is observed for listening and personal prayer.)

One: Holy One, You call each of us beloved. Each of us cherished.
Each of us desired. Each of us sacred.
Many: For this, we give you thanks now and forever! Amen.

Time with Young Disciples

Pastor Kristina

First Reading

1 Kings 3:3-14

Solomon calls God kind, and asks for a measure of that kindness

Music for Reflection

Lean On Me

Bill Withers

Gospel Reading

Luke 6:32-36

Jesus challenges us with a "high bar" for goodness.

Sermon

Fruit of the Spirit —
What is Kindness & Goodness?

Pastor Kristina

*Hymn

Be Kind to One Another
(Words may be found on page 10.) Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Words by

Joys and Concerns

The Prayer of Jesus

† Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.

Prayers for Healing and Justice

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Music

We Can Be Kind

Nancy Lamott

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Let songs rise up from earth below;
Let stars and galaxies enthrone;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One! Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

"Holy One, as we present our offerings today, we are reminded
of your great love for us. May these gifts be used to spread your love
to others, bringing hope and healing to a world in need.
Thank you for your love that never fails us. Amen."

*Hymn

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian
(Music may be found on page 11.)

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

Benediction

Benediction Response

Try a Little Kindness

Sapaugh/Austin

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us extend the Peace of Christ to one another.



Thank you to...

Pastor: The Rev. Kristina Hansen,
Liturgist: Nancy Brown

Musicians: Alan Jones and Alyssa Koh

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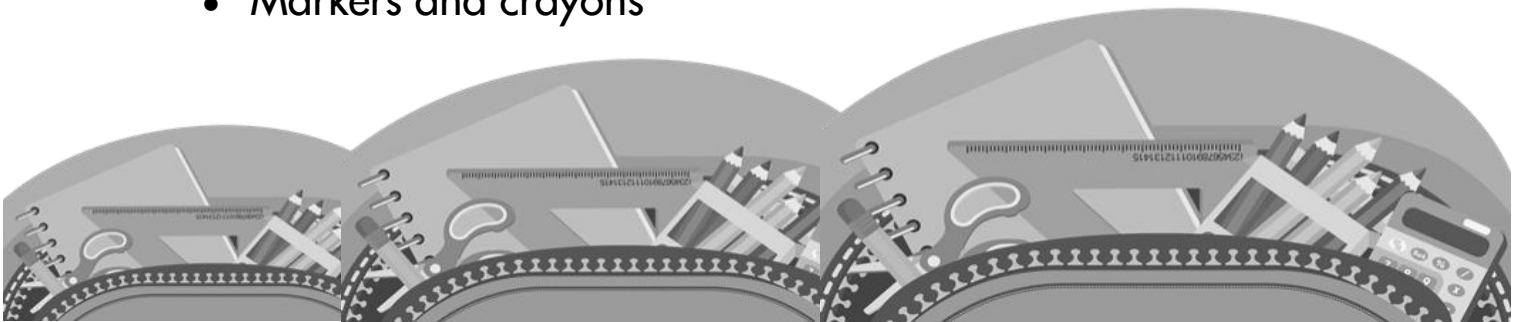
ESWA 2026 Back-to-School Campaign



As we move through August, let's keep in mind those children who will be going back to school in the fall and help provide them with much needed supplies thorough the **Eastern Service Workers Association (ESWA) Fall Campaign**.

You can **drop off items** at the **DUPC Front Desk** through **August 26**.
Here are some suggestions of school supplies most needed.

- Backpacks
- Notebooks and folders
- Pens and pencils
- Markers and crayons
- Children's school clothing
(new and like-new)
- Calculators



Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) E^b (G) A^b (D/F#) E^b/G (A7) B^b7 (D) E^b

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) B^b (D) E^b (G) A^b (A) B^b

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) A^b (D) E^b (F#m7) Gm7 (G) A^b (A) B^b

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F#) E^b/G (G) A^b (D) E^b

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

Be Kind to One Another

Sung to the tune of "The Church's One Foundation"

Be Kind to one another, be tender-hearted too —
Forgiving one another, as Christ has pardoned you.
Refrain from any gossip, for gossip is a sin.
Be open to new friendships, and welcome people in.

Be kind in all your speaking and hear what others say.
Be open to Christ's teachings, and in all matters pray.
Be gentle, loving, faithful, and keep a humble mind.
Remember what is truthful. In everything be kind.

Be kind within your circle, but look past what you see;
Be kind to those in trouble—the poor, the refugee.
The world is filled with violence; write letters, call out sin!
Don't ever sit in silence and let the evil win.

O God of love, you've taught us. You've shown us what to do:
Be just, commit to kindness, walk humbly here with you.
Your spirit gives us courage to truly live this way.
May love become our message; may kindness win the day.



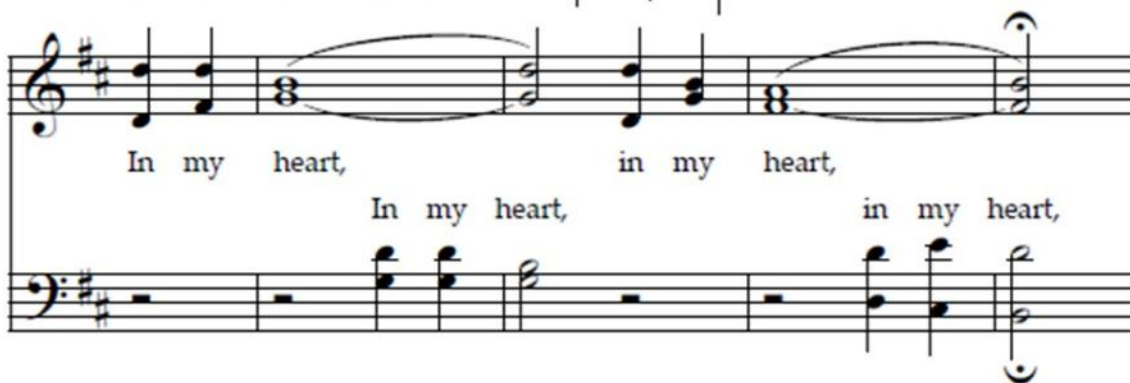
729 | Lord, I Want to Be a Christian



1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;
 2 Lord, I want to be more lov-ing in my heart, in my heart;
 3 Lord, I want to be more ho-ly in my heart, in my heart;
 4 Lord, I want to be like Je-sus in my heart, in my heart;



Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov-ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho-ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je-sus in my heart.



In my heart, in my heart, In my heart, in my heart,



Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov-ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho-ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je-sus in my heart.

Through its recurring phrase, "in my heart," this poignant African American spiritual expresses the desire that our professed faith will not be superficial or hypocritical but will permeate the very center of our being, so that we may truly be the people God calls us to be.

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