



# *Kilmarnock Baptist Church*

*Welcome to Worship!*

**The Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

**September 29, 2024**

**Order of Worship**

*Please quiet voices, hearts, and cell phones in preparation for worship.*

Preparation:

*“For such a time as this” - These six simple words inspire us toward that one defining moment we all long for—our chance to make a difference—a moment like Queen Esther’s. Discovering our own “for such a time as this” involves so much more than just one pivotal moment. It also consists in trusting God right where we are.*

— Kristine Lea Brown, author of “Cinched.”

Prelude

*In the Garden*

Steven Scott

Welcome and Announcements

Bob Gray

Invocation

Kevin Crowder

Hymn of Praise\* 20 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* MIT FREUDEN ZART

*Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,  
The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.  
With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled:  
To God all praise and glory.*

*What God's almighty power hath made, His gracious mercy keepeth,  
By morning glow or evening shade, His watchful eye never sleepeth;  
Within the kingdom of His might, Lo! All is just and right.  
To God all praise and glory.*

*The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing,  
An ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing.  
As with a mother's tender hand, He leads His own, His chosen band:  
To God all praise and glory.*

*Thus all my toilsome way along, I sing aloud thy praises,  
That all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.  
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart! Both soul and body bear your part:  
To God all praise and glory.*

## Old Testament Reading

## Esther 7: 1 - 10

Elizabeth Sanders

<sup>1</sup>So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. <sup>2</sup>On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, 'What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.' <sup>3</sup>Then Queen Esther answered, 'If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me—that is my petition—and the lives of my people—that is my request. <sup>4</sup>For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.' <sup>5</sup>Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, 'Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?' <sup>6</sup>Esther said, 'A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!' Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. <sup>7</sup>The king rose from the feast in wrath and went into the palace garden, but Haman stayed to beg his life from Queen Esther, for he saw that the king had determined to destroy him. <sup>8</sup>When the king returned from the palace garden to the banquet hall, Haman had thrown himself on the couch where Esther was

reclining; and the king said, ‘Will he even assault the queen in my presence, in my own house?’ As the words left the mouth of the king, they covered Haman’s face. <sup>9</sup>Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, ‘Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman’s house, fifty cubits high.’ And the king said, ‘Hang him on that.’ <sup>10</sup>So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated. (NRSV)

Pastoral Prayer

Kevin Crowder

Offertory Hymn \* 73      *God Moves in a Mysterious Way*

ST. ANNE

*God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform;*

*He plants His footsteps in the sea and rides upon the storm.*

*You fearful saints, fresh courage take; the clouds you so much dread  
Are big with mercy and shall break in blessings on your head.*

*Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, but trust Him for His grace;  
Behind a frowning providence He hides a smiling face.*

*Blind unbelief is sure to err, and scan His work in vain;  
God is His own interpreter, and He will make it plain.*

Offertory Prayer

Kevin Crowder

Offertory

*Morning Bells*

Lani Smith

Doxology

Choral Anthem

*What a Friend*

N. Price/D. Besig

Gospel Reading

Mark 9: 38 – 41

Elizabeth Sanders

<sup>38</sup>John said to him, ‘Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.’ <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, ‘Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup>Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. (NRSV)

Sermon

*“Being in the Right Place at the Right Time”*

Kevin Crowder

*Jesus is all the world to me, my life, my joy, my all;  
He is my strength from day to day, without him I would fall:  
When I am sad, to him I go, no other one can cheer me so;  
When I am sad, he makes me glad, He's my friend.*

*Jesus is all the world to me, my friend in trials sore;  
I go to him for blessings, and He gives them o'er and o'er:  
He sends the sunshine and the rain, He sends the harvest's golden grain;  
Sunshine and rain, harvest of grain, He's my friend.*

*Jesus is all the world to me, and true to him I'll be;  
Oh, how could I this friend deny, when he's so true to me?  
Following him I know I'm right; He watches o'er me day and night;  
Following him by day and night, He's my friend.*

*Jesus is all the world to me; I want no better friend;  
I trust him now; I'll trust him when life's fleeting days shall end:  
Beautiful life with such a friend, beautiful life that has no end;  
Eternal life, eternal joy, He's my friend.*

Benediction

Kevin Crowder

Postlude

*The Lily of the Valley*

Fry & Hays

Chimes



\* If you are able, please stand.

† If you have decided to make a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ and/or join the Kilmarnock Baptist Church family, you may signal that by coming forward to meet the minister during the final hymn.



DEAR CHURCH FAMILY,

My heart surgery on Monday went well; the surgeon was very pleased, and my energy level has greatly improved. Thank you for your many thoughts and precious prayers. Love, Judy & Mike Kelley

FLOWERS:

Today's flowers are given by Don and Margaret Headley, celebrating their grandchildren, Emily, Nathaniel, and Sarah.

If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary in October, please contact Karen Cox at (804) 436-0416.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Bible Study – Wednesdays at 9:30 am – All Welcome

Choir Practice – Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

(See October's calendar on the back of this bulletin)



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## Kilmarnock Baptist Church - Calendar for October 2024

Wed. Oct. 2	9:30 am 6:30 pm	Bible Study – All Welcome Choir Practice
Sun. Oct. 6	9:45 am 11:00 am 12:05 pm	Sunday School Worship Service and Communion After Worship Fellowship, light refreshments
Mon. Oct. 7	1:00 pm	Personnel Committee
Tues. Oct. 8	10:30 am 5:00 pm	WMU Meeting Budget & Finance
Wed. Oct. 9	9:30 am 10:00 am 10:30 am 6:30 pm	Bible Study – All Welcome Website Group Prayer Shawl Knitting Choir Practice
Sun. Oct. 13	9:45 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Worship Service
Mon. Oct. 14	5:00 pm 7:30 pm	Cemetery Committee Meeting (please verify) Coast Guard Auxiliary
Tues. Oct. 15	10:00 am 1:00-3:15 pm 2:00 pm	Deacons Meeting Kilmarnock Garden Club, Fellowship Hall Church Council
Wed. Oct. 16	9:30 am 1:00-3:00pm	Bible Study – All Welcome Food Pantry, Fellowship Hall
Sun. Oct. 20	9:45 am 11:00 am 12:05 pm	Sunday School Worship Service Pot-Luck Fellowship Hour – Bring your special dish.
Mon. Oct. 21	12:00-6:00pm	Blood Drive, register online.
Tues. Oct 22	10:00 am	J.O.Y. (Just Older Youth) Group
Wed. Oct. 23	9:30 am 10:00 am 10:30 am 6:30 pm	Bible Study – All Welcome Website Group Prayer Shawl Knitting Choir Practice
Sun. Oct. 27	9:45 am 11:00 am 12:05 pm	Sunday School Worship Service Quarterly Business Meeting – All are Welcome.
Wed. Oct. 30	9:30 am 6:30 pm	Bible Study – All Welcome Choir Practice