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## Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 27, 2022

1st Sunday of Advent

### Gathering

**Welcome and Ministry Announcements**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

**\*Opening Hymn**

“Blessed Be The Name”

**\*Call to Worship**

Worship Leader

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Wait expectantly for our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep us strong until the end, on the day of the Lord.

**People: It is God in person, who called us to share in the life of his son Jesus, and who helps us keep faith.**

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

“Hope”

Lisa Christian

Watch and wait for Christ’s coming! Light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love, remembering the promises of God with prayer. We light this candle in hope.

*[Light the first candle.]*

Hear God’s promise of hope from Jeremiah 33:14-16:

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”

Let us pray:

Faithful God, out of death you bring life. Renew us in hope, that we may be alert to the burgeoning of Christ’s advent among us. God of promise, God of hope, into our darkness come. Amen.

**Gathering Prayer**

Lisa Christian

**Call to Confession**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

\*please stand

## Prayer of Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**People: Lord, we confess that we become confused. Not about who you are, but about who we are. You allow us enough room to get ourselves into trouble. Too often, we are more like people who claim no affinity to you, than people who claim to be yours. Forgive our tendency to ignore our responsibilities. We trust in you still and in your son Jesus.**

Leader: Please continue in silent confession....Amen.

## Assurance of Pardon

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: Friends, hear the good news! God has given you grace and peace in Christ Jesus

**People: and enriched us with many good gifts.**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news!

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## Word

### A Time for Children

Dr. Yvan Kelly

(Children will go to Sunday School)

### Old Testament Reading

Psalm 122:1-9

Lisa Christian

I was glad when they said to me,

“Let us go to

the house of the Lord!”

Our feet are standing within  
your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem - built as a city that  
is bound firmly together.

To it the tribes go up,

the tribes of the Lord,

as was decreed for Israel,

to give thanks to the name  
of the Lord.

For there the thrones for  
judgment were set up,

the thrones of the house  
of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

“May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls,

and security within your towers.”

For the sake of my relatives and friends

I will say, “Peace be within you.”

For the sake of the house of  
the Lord our God,

I will seek your good.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### New Testament Reading

Matthew 24:36-44

Dr. Yvan Kelly

“But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of

the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Message**

“Who Knew?”

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**\*Middle Hymn**

“You’ll Come”

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles’ Creed

**I BELIEVE  
in God the Father, Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth;  
and in Jesus Christ,  
his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by  
the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again**

**from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God  
the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge  
the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic Church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Prayers and Offering**

**Prayers of the People/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.**

### **Giving Thanks to God with Our Gifts and Offerings**

**Offertory Song**

**\*Doxology**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**People: Lord of the church, you are not enriched by our gifts but you enable us to share our talents for the enrichment of our congregation and our community. We present ourselves to be useful to each other and to you. Amen.**

### **Sending**

**\*Closing Hymn**

“Indescribable”

**Charge and Blessing**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

## Announcements

**Greening of the Church Today** - We are greening the church after worship today, November 27. Please stay after worship and help decorate the church for Christmas.

**Angel Tree Gifts Due December 1** - If you are interested in purchasing gifts/clothing for a child, please reach out to Shawn Brecht as soon as possible via text at 904.718.3128 or via email at [KPCHandyman@gmail.com](mailto:KPCHandyman@gmail.com). He still has about 15 children on his list. Gifts are due back to the church by Thursday, December 1, at 9:00 a.m. Thank you!

**Candy Cane Donations December 4** - We need donations of full size candy canes for a craft at the Breakfast with Santa event. If you can help, please bring your candy canes in by Sunday, December 4, and put them in the marked box in the office. Thank you!

**Presbyterian Women's Annual Christmas Party and Gift Exchange December 5** - This annual event will be held on Monday, December 5, at 6:30 p.m., at Deborah Ruth's home (1047 Autumn Pines Drive, Orange Park, 32065). We will provide the main dish and ask that everyone bring a side dish or dessert, as well as a gift, maximum value of \$20 for the gift exchange. As a fun twist, we are asking that all gifts are wrapped (not bagged) and fit in a shoebox! There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

**Breakfast with Santa December 10** - Breakfast with Santa will be held on Saturday, December 10, with breakfast from 9:30 -10:30 a.m. and crafts and pictures from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Reservation sheets are on the table in the narthex and a link is in the newsletter.

**Congregational Meeting December 11** - There will be a brief congregational meeting following worship on December 11. The purpose of this meeting is to elect Session members and next year's Nominating Committee.

**Montgomery 5k and 1 Mile Run December 17** - Montgomery is hosting their first 5k and 1 mile run on Saturday, December 17. More information is in the newsletter. You may register at <https://runsignup.com/Race/FL/Starke/ElfRun5KYouthFunRun>.

**Presbyterian Women Cookie Exchange and Bake Sale December 18** - The Presbyterian Women are hosting a Cookie Exchange and Bake Sale after church on December 18. To participate in the Cookie Exchange, please provide 2 dozen cookies that you will "exchange" for 2 dozen cookies from among what the others have brought! We will be selling boxes of the cookie of your choice for \$5...so everybody gets cookies!

We are compiling a Cookie Recipe Book. As you are considering what cookies to bake, please provide the recipes to Lois Morse so she can put them together in a fun book.

**Financial Giving** - You may place your offering in the offering plate, drop off a check at the office, put it in the mail, or use our online giving portal that can be accessed [here](#).

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