



Let us know that you are here

Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 4, 2022

Communion Sunday and 2nd Sunday of Advent

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #145

“What Child Is This”

***Call to Worship**

Worship Leader

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

People: And also with you.

Leader: Hear the words of the Lord. Are they not words of peace to God’s people?

People: We hear the words of Jesus spoken to us and to all who trust in him.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

“Peace”

Barcliff Family

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.*] We light this candle for peace. [*Light the second candle.*]

Hear Zechariah’s song of hope for peace to the Christ child. A reading from Luke 1:76-79:

“You, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

Let us pray:

God of hope, Prince of Peace, You speak peace into the world in the Way of the Christ child. Help us embody your peace and live as peacemakers that we may called children of God. God of hope, God of peace, into our darkness come. Amen.

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

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Prayer of Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

People: God of the first day, God of today, God of the last day, we admit that we are more frightened by the threat of a nuclear war than we are hopeful for a new

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heaven and earth. We may be fatalistic and feel powerless to bring change. Forgive our reluctance to look for the new day of justice, peace, repentance, and perseverance. Let us live according to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: Friends, hear the good news! God has forgiven your guilt

People: and put away all our sins.

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

Isaiah 11:1-10

Barcliff Family

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Matthew 3:1-12

Dr. Yvan Kelly

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild

honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. “I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

“A Message from an Unlikely Place”

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Middle Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #88

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

The Lord’s Supper

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: We worship you, loving and faithful Lord, with the presentation of these tokens of our prosperity earned from our work. Use us and our offerings to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #140 “Once in Royal David’s City”

Charge and Blessing

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Announcements

Angel Tree - Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Angel Tree mission. We were able to bless 27 kids with a happy and Merry Christmas. Can't wait until next year to help out again!

Breakfast with Santa Volunteers - There will be a short meeting immediately following worship today for all those that are helping with the Breakfast with Santa event.

Presbyterian Women's Annual Christmas Party and Gift Exchange December 5 - This annual event will be held tomorrow, 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 this 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 next Sunday, 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.

December Office Closures - The church office will be closed on Friday, December 9; Friday, December 23; and Monday, December 26.

Christmas Eve Service – The Christmas Eve service will be held at 7:00 p.m.

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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