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Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 15, 2023

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #388

“Come All You People”

***Call to Worship**

Worship Leader

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

People: And also with you.

Leader: Do not keep the goodness of God hidden in your heart.

People: We will proclaim God’s faithfulness and saving power.

Gathering Prayer

Frances Collins

Call to Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Prayer of Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

People: Dear God, you have shown us love as well as awesome strength. In Jesus, you have been among us as one who serves. We confess that we often prefer to be served than to serve, to be masters rather than servants. Forgive us when we shirk your service. To be lambs among wolves does not appeal to us, but we remember Jesus who was your lamb sent to the world to take away sins, including ours.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: Friends, hear the good news! You are claimed as Christ’s own along with everyone who invokes the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Yes, we are claimed by Christ along with everyone who calls on his name.

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)

*please stand

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God." And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength- he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!"

The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

“Have You Found It?”

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Middle Hymn**

“Our God”

Installation of New Session Members

***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: O God, when we are unsure of accomplishing anything as your people, you promise to renew us, that our witness may be seen by many. Receive our money and all our talents of hand and heart and voice, to spread the good news of your grace and peace. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #321 v. 1, 2, 4, & 5

“The Church’s One Foundation”

Charge and Blessing

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Announcements

Session Installation Today - During worship today, we will install the following members to the Session Class of 2025: Wayne Barnes, Kathy Foresi, and Lois Morse.

Church Office Closed - The church office will be closed on Thursday, January 19, and Friday, January 20, 2023.

Session Retreat January 21 - There will be a Session retreat on Saturday, January 21, from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. The retreat will be held at Camp Montgomery.

Potluck Sunday January 29 - This month's potluck Sunday will be held on Sunday, January 29, following worship. If you plan on attending, please bring a dish to share.

Blood Drive February 5 - A Blood drive will be held in the parking lot on Sunday, February 5, from 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Eligible donors will receive a \$20 Egift card and a Oneblood gift. To register in advance, visit <https://donorportal.oneblood.org/donate-now> and enter Kirkwood for the Sponsor Name/Code.

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