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## Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 8, 2023

Baptism of the Lord

### Gathering

**Welcome and Ministry Announcements**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

**\*Opening Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #401 v. 1, 2, & 4

“Here in This Place (*Gather Us In*)”

**\*Call to Worship**

Worship Leader

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

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: We worship God who is eternal and who yet also cares for us.

**People: We praise the Holy One, and live in his holiness.**

**Gathering Prayer**

Lynne Barnes

**Call to Confession**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**Prayer of Confession**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**People: God of life and light and love, we confess that our own lives are too dear to us. We do not want for others as much as we want for ourselves. We want justice and power, but not for all parties and nations. Sometimes we need to have patience with ourselves, and more often, patience with others. Forgive the narrowness of our vision and of the views of others. Creator of light, and life, open our eyes.**

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

**Assurance of Pardon**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: Friends, hear the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.

**People: It is to him that the prophets testified, declaring that everyone who trusts in him receives forgiveness.**

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 42:1-9

Lynne Barnes

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**New Testament Reading**

Matthew 3:13-17

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Message**

"Identity Statement"

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**\*Middle Hymn**

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

**\*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: God of glory, we respond to all you have spoken in the wonders of nature, in the words of the scriptures, in the word made human to dwell among us. We glorify you with the presentation of our offerings, our music, and our words, and with our presence in this sanctuary, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Sending**

**\*Closing Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #66

**Charge and Blessing**

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”  
Dr. Yvan Kelly

## Announcements

**Bunko January 14** - Bunko game night will be held this Saturday, January 14, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$5.00 and dessert will be offered. Proceeds will go towards the building fund.

**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.

**Session Installation January 22** - On Sunday, January 22, during worship, we will install the following members to the Session Class of 2025: Wayne Barnes, Kathy Foresi, and Lois Morse.

**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.

**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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