



Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 10, 2023

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #20

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

***Call to Worship**

Worship Leader

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

People: And also with you.

Leader: Be assured that the Lord is here. For Jesus said, “Where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there among them.”

People: We are assured that the Lord is here. Our risen Lord is here among us.

Gathering Prayer

Shawn Brecht

Call to Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Prayer of Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

People: Loving and holy God, we find it difficult to live up to your expectations. You make loving our neighbor our duty but we would rather be selective about who our neighbor is. We do not like being corrected by others and do not like to appear judgmental when we actually are. You hold us accountable when we do not speak out against evil. Forgive our hurtful words and our times of silence if you have prodded us to speak in your name, through Jesus Christ.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: Friends, hear the good news! The Lord will be good to his servants, as he has promised.

People: The Lord will be good to us, as he has promised.

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

Exodus 12:1-14

Shawn Brecht

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Matthew 18:15-20

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“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

“Images and Reality”

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***Middle Hymn**

“How Can I Keep from Singing”

***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, receive our offerings as an expression of our love for you and for one another, that we may continue to gather here in your presence to hear your word and to pray together. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #318

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

Charge and Blessing

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Announcements

Online Giving Change - The Presbyterian Foundation is now handling our online donations (via Vanco). The giving page on the church's website has detailed information on how to donate through the website and through Vanco's mobile app. If you have recurring payments set up on the old Vanco system, you will need to end those and set up new ones on the new system. More information is on the website's giving page.

Adult Sunday School - Adult Sunday School is now meeting at the regular time of 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

The pumpkins are coming! The pumpkins are coming! - Shawn Brecht is looking for volunteers to be on the 2023 Pumpkin Patch committee. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please reach out to Shawn at 904.718.3128.

Come October, it is all hands on deck! We will set up the Pumpkin Patch on Sunday, October 1, at about 12:00 p.m. Our pumpkins will be delivered on Friday, October 6 at 4:00, with the Patch opening Saturday morning. All volunteers are welcome. It's fun and easy. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex for those wanting to volunteer for the pumpkin patch. Thank you everyone.

Sunday School Teachers Needed - Sunday school teachers are needed. If you are interested, please reach out to Jeannie Brecht or Craig Barcliff for more information.

Bunko September 16 - Come for a fun night of playing Bunko this Saturday, September 16, at 6:00 p.m. No experience is needed and it is fun for all ages. The entrance fee is \$10 per person and includes dessert. All proceeds go to the church's building fund.

OneBlood Blood Drive September 17 - Next Sunday, September 17, the Big Red Bus will be in the parking lot hosting a blood drive from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Please register in advance by clicking [here](#).

Fresh Ideas September 22-23 - The Presbytery of St. Augustine (our Presbytery) is teaming up with the Presbytery of Central Florida to host the FISH (Fresh Ideas Start Here) conference at Camp Montgomery. Designed for volunteers and professionals in ministry, the dates are Sept. 22-23. More information can be found [here](#).

Peace and Global Witness Offering October 1 - On Sunday, October 1, we will accept offerings for the Peace and Global Witness Offering. Gifts to this special offering are used to help our neighbors in need. More information can be found in the newsletter.

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](#) or by scanning the QR code to the right.



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