



Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 12, 2023

24th Sunday after Pentecost and Dedication Sunday

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #658

“God Is So Good”

***Call to Worship**

Worship Leader

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

People: And also with you.

Leader: Offer to God the sacrifice of thanksgiving.

People: We will worship our Lord and savior, from whom all our blessings flow.

Gathering Prayer

Lynne Barnes

Call to Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Prayer of Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

People: God of the unchanging and the unexpected, we do not know when the day of the Lord may be. Much of life seems cyclical, going around and around but not moving in any direction. Justice seems to be like a fountain that sometimes rises to great heights, only to subside again. Forgive us if we are more curious than concerned, more puzzled than prepared for your judgments whenever they come. Prepare us for the day of Christ’s return, in our death or in human history.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: Friends, hear the good news! Believe that Jesus died and rose again; and so it will be for those who died as Christians.

People: We believe that God will bring us back to life with Jesus.

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 78:1-7

Lynne Barnes

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words
of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings from of old,
things that we have heard and known,
that our ancestors have told us.

We will not hide them from their children;
we will tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the Lord,
and his might, and the wonders
that he has done.

He established a decree in Jacob,
and appointed a law in Israel,

which he commanded our ancestors
to teach to their children;
that the next generation
might know them,
the children yet unborn,
and rise up and tell them
to their children,
so that they should set
their hope in God,
and not forget the works of God,
but keep his commandments;

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Matthew 25:1-13

Dr. Yvan Kelly

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

“What Time Is It?”

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Middle Hymn**

“This Is Amazing Grace”

***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.**

Dedication of Pledges

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 there is nothing we can bring to you that you need, for all is already yours. You have come to our rescue again and again, so we merely honor you by these tokens of appreciation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #451

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

Charge and Blessing

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Announcements

Welcome Girl Scout Troop 31010 - We want to welcome a new Girl Scout Troop to Kirkwood. Troop 31010 will meet at Kirkwood every other Tuesday night from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. This past Tuesday, November 7, was their first night here. You may have or know of a girl interested in Girls Scouts. We now have a place at Kirkwood where they can meet and learn. Let us welcome Troop leaders Nicole (Nikki) Stephens and Sarah Saunders. Nikki used to attend Kirkwood with her parents, Debbie and Ralph. Welcome girls. We look forward to a long and prosperous relationship.

OneBlood Blood Drive November 12 - Today from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., the Big Red Bus will be in the parking lot holding a blood drive. All donors will receive a \$20.00 e-gift card, a OneBlood blanket, and a wellness check-up including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, and a cholesterol screening. To sign up in advance (recommended), visit <https://donorportal.oneblood.org/donate-now> and search for Kirkwood under Sponsor Name/Code.

Dedication Sunday November 12 - Each of us have gifts of time, talent, and treasure to share with God through the work of Kirkwood Presbyterian Church. This Stewardship season, we invite you to prayerfully reflect in the coming weeks on how best to be a steward of God's grace. Consider making a financial commitment to support the ministry of Kirkwood in 2024. Join us in making your pledge today.

Monthly Potluck November 12 - To recognize Dedication Sunday, the November monthly potluck luncheon will be held today, November 12, after worship. Everyone is invited to attend.

Session Meeting November 12 - The Session will meet today following worship.

Breakfast with Santa Donations Needed - We are collecting leftover, individually wrapped Halloween candy (as long as it's not Halloween-themed) and donations of individually wrapped candy for Breakfast with Santa. We are making goodie bags to hand out to the children attending breakfast. Please leave your candy donations in the box in the church office. Thank you!

Church Office Closed - The church office will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday, November 23 and 24.

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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