



Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 19, 2023

25th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #367

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

***Call to Worship**

Worship Leader

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

People: And also with you.

Leader: Make vows to God and then live them out fully.

People: We will give our tributes to our heavenly King.

Gathering Prayer

Lois Morse

Call to Confession

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Prayer of Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

People: God of fire and fury, of mercy and salvation, you can declare judgment on us all. And yet you send prophets and apostles with words of warning for us to repent of our sins, to turn from them to find mercy and salvation. Forgive our waste of time and opportunities for us to get ready for the coming of our savior, Jesus Christ.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: Friends, hear the good news! God has ordained for us to have the full attainment of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: We rejoice that God has sent his son for our salvation.

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

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 123:1-4

Lois Morse

To you I lift up my eyes,
O you who are enthroned
in the heavens!
As the eyes of servants look to
the hand of their master,
as the eyes of a maid to
the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to the Lord our God,
until he has mercy upon us.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord,
have mercy upon us,
for we have had more
than enough of contempt.
Our soul has had more than its fill
of the scorn of those who are at ease,
of the contempt of the proud.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Matthew 25:14-30

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“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

“What’s Your Talent?”

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Middle Hymn**

“No Longer Strangers”

***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: Holy God, you are honored with tributes great and small, by the famous and the unknown. Receive what we offer as tokens of our faithful use of the talents you have given us, to the honor of your name. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #336

“We Gather Together”

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. 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.

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

Session Meeting December 3 - The next Session meeting will be held on Sunday, December 3, at the home of Yvette Grant.

Congregational Meeting December 10 - There will be a Congregational meeting on Sunday, December 10, immediately following worship. The purpose of this meeting is to elect new Elders and members to the Nominating Committee.

Presbyterian Women's Christmas Dinner December 10 - The Presbyterian Women will meet for their annual Christmas dinner on Sunday, December 10. More information will be coming soon.

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!

Breakfast with Santa December 16 - Breakfast with Santa will take place on Saturday, December 16. Breakfast will be held from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. and pictures with Santa will be from 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. A reservation form can be found on the table in the narthex and in tomorrow's newsletter.

Installation of Elders January 7 - New Elders will be installed on Sunday, January 7.

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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