



## **Kirkwood Presbyterian Church**

Sunday, November 5, 2023

Communion Sunday and 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

### **Gathering**

**Welcome and Ministry Announcements**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

**\*Opening Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #458 (2x)

“Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet”

**\*Call to Worship**

Worship Leader

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

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Receive God’s message, not as the word of human beings, but as the very word of God at work in us who hold the faith.

**People: We will receive God’s message as the very word of God at work in our lives.**

**Gathering Prayer**

Kathalee Caissie

**Call to Confession**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**Prayer of Confession**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**People: Heavenly Father, strong and gentle, we are dependent on you for both life and sustenance. Forgive our moments of pride when we act as if we did not need you. Forgive us when we act like know-it-alls, unteachable about what we do and do not believe. Forgive any move we make to displace you, whether in lifting ourselves up into places of authority or in giving to others the honor due only to you. Be patient with us, like a parent dealing with immature children, for the sake of your child, Jesus Christ.**

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

**Assurance of Pardon**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: Friends, hear the good news! Those who humble themselves will be exalted.

**People: We who are humble before God will be exalted.**

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 107:1-7, 33-37

Kathalee Caissie

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever.  
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,  
those he redeemed from trouble  
and gathered in from the lands,  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.  
Some wandered in desert wastes,  
finding no way to an inhabited town;  
hungry and thirsty,  
their soul fainted within them.  
Then they cried to the Lord  
in their trouble,  
and he delivered them  
from their distress;

he led them by a straight way,  
until they reached an inhabited town.  
He turns rivers into a desert,  
springs of water into thirsty ground,  
a fruitful land into a salty waste,  
because of the wickedness  
of its inhabitants.  
He turns a desert into pools of water,  
a parched land into springs of water.  
And there he lets the hungry live,  
and they establish a town to live in;  
they sow fields, and plant vineyards,  
and get a fruitful yield.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**New Testament Reading**

Matthew 23:1-12

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, “The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’ seat; therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have people call them rabbi. But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father - the one in heaven. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Message**

“Conspicuous Consumption”

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**\*Middle Hymn**

“Touch the Sky”

## **The Lord's Supper**

### **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 help us to give and live, worthy of the call to your glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Sending**

**\*Closing Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #708

“We Give Thee but Thine Own”

**Charge and Blessing**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

## Announcements

**Montgomery Center Fundraiser** - Montgomery Center is holding their annual Thankful Pies fundraiser. For more information, pick up a flyer from the table in the narthex or look for the blurb in tomorrow's newsletter. If ordering by mail, please mail your order form and your payment in yourself. The office is not involved with this process. The deadline to order pies is this Thursday, November 9.

**Church office closures** - The church office will close at noon this Thursday, November 9, until Monday, November 13, and for the Thanksgiving holiday, November 23 and 24.

**OneBlood Blood Drive November 12** - Next Sunday, November 12, 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. Please mark your calendar to join us in making your pledge on Dedication Sunday, November 12, 2023. You may also place your pledge card in the box on the table in the narthex.

**Monthly Potluck November 12** - To recognize Dedication Sunday, the November monthly potluck luncheon will be held next Sunday, November 12. Everyone is invited to attend. If you plan on attending, please bring a dish to share.

**Session Meeting November 12** - The next Session meeting will be held next Sunday, November 12, following worship.

**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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