



Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 28, 2024

4th Sunday after Epiphany

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #1

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

***Call to Worship**

Worship Leader

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

People: And also with you.

Leader: Holy and awesome is the name of God. All who worship grow in the Spirit.

People: God’s name is the beginning of wisdom.

Gathering Prayer

Kathalee Caissie

Call to Confession

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Prayer of Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

People: Dear God, we confess that we are distracted from listening to you. We are easily attracted and engrossed by worldly things. Our family adds to our cares and divides our minds, giving too much attention to our daily bread and too little attention to what is good. Forgive our faithless anxiety and half-hearted discipleship, unlike your son Jesus, who was and is dedicated to you in body and spirit.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: Friends, hear the good news! Jesus has the power to rid us of unclean spirits.

People: Jesus has the power to cast out our sins.

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

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Kathalee Caissie

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak - that prophet shall die."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Mark 1:21-28

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They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching - with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

"Beyond Our Reach"

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Middle Hymn**

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

Baptisms

Lisa Adriana Acevedo
David Franklin Christian III

***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, we will serve you without distraction, taking the time, and giving the money that is needed, to give genuine expression to the care we have for your church. May it always be our aim to please you Lord. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #306 v. 1, 3, & 5

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

Charge and Blessing

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Announcements

Baptisms - Today we celebrate the baptisms of Lisa Adriana Acevedo, daughter of Danielle & Rogers Acevedo, and David Franklin Christian III, son of David & Alyssa Christian II. Both children are the grandchildren of David and Lisa Christian.

Monthly Potluck Luncheon Today - Our last Sunday of the month potluck is today following worship. Everyone is invited to attend.

Contribution Statements Available Today - Contribution statements for 2023 are available today. If you are not at church today to pick up your statement, it will be mailed out to you this week.

Bunko February 10 - The next Bunko night will be Saturday, February 10, at 6:30 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 and grounds fund.

Session Meeting February 11 - The next Session Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 11, 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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