



## Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, February 11, 2024

Transfiguration of the Lord

### Gathering

**Welcome and Ministry Announcements**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

**\*Opening Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #14 v. 1, 2, 3, & 4

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

**\*Call to Worship**

Worship Leader

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

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Gather to Christ, for he has given himself to make a new covenant with all of us.

**People: His sacrifice has established the new testament, which includes all believers.**

**Gathering Prayer**

Jeannie Brecht

**Call to Confession**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**Prayer of Confession**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**People: God of the gospel, forgive us if we become enamored with other things and do not center our lives and our loyalties on the One who is your beloved Son. Excuse our enthusiasm for things that fade and pass and that distract us from following Jesus with undivided devotion.**

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

**Assurance of Pardon**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: Friends, hear the good news! The gospel of the Christ, the image of God, has dawned upon us

**People: so that we can avoid the darkness of the road into the wilderness.**

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

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Message**

“Mountains and Valleys”

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**\*Middle Hymn**

“Peace Has Come”

**Reception of New Member**

**\*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: Infinite God, your presence cannot be confined by a shelter, all around radiates your glory. Show us your gracious glory once again in the face of Jesus and in the works of his body the church. Amen.**

### **Sending**

**\*Closing Hymn**

“Be Thou My Vision”

**Charge and Blessing**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

## Announcements

**New Member** - Kirkwood welcomes new member, Franz Johnson, Jr., who is joining Kirkwood this morning by reaffirmation of faith. Please welcome Franz to our congregation.

**Scout Camp Card Fundraiser** - The Scouts are doing their annual Camp Card fundraiser. Each card is only \$10.00, but each one offers over \$100.00 in savings. There is a Clay County card and a Duval County card. Each \$10.00 card sale goes directly back to the Scouts. This will help offset the costs of summer camp. For a card, contact Shawn Brecht, our Scout liaison, at either 904.718.3128 or at [kpchandyman@gmail.com](mailto:kpchandyman@gmail.com).

**Session Meeting February 11** - The Session will meet today following worship.

**Ash Wednesday February 14** - We will have an Ash Wednesday Service this Wednesday, February 14, at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Easter Candy Donations Needed** - Dear Kirkwood family, as we prepare for our upcoming Easter egg hunt in March, we kindly ask for your support in making it a memorable event for our community's children. We invite you to donate candy for our Easter bunny to hand out to our little ones. Please place your donations in the basket in the narthex. Thank you for your generosity that will help create cherished memories of this event. Because He Lives, The Worship Committee (Jeannie and Lisa)

**Last Sunday of the Month Potluck February 25** - Our last Sunday of the month potluck will be held on Sunday, February 25, following worship. If you plan on attending, please bring a dish to share. Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy this time of food and fellowship.

**Potluck March 3** - There will be a potluck on Sunday, March 3, following worship. This potluck is to celebrate the anniversary of the church. Everyone is invited to attend and to bring a dish to share.

**Dinner and Comedy Night April 6** - On Saturday, April 6, at 6:00 p.m., join us for dinner and a comedy show featuring comedian De'Andre Stringer. Tickets are \$30.00 per person. Tickets must be purchased in advance and should be available for sale soon. For more information, see tomorrow's newsletter or the flyer on the table in the narthex.

**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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