



## Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, February 25, 2024

2nd Sunday in Lent

### Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

**\*Opening Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #175

“Seek Ye First”

**\*Call to Worship**

Worship Leader

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

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let all who see God feel the joy in their heart and praise his holy name.

**People: We live in the presence of God who is always the source of our strength.**

**Gathering Prayer**

Frances Collins

**Call to Confession**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**Prayer of Confession**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**People: Dear God, we confess that we would rather have glory than suffering. To be recognized makes us happy, but we can turn our back from the unpleasant truth of the cross. Forgive our unwillingness to follow Christ in carrying our own crosses and living the truth. We pray that we would allow ourselves to be guided by you. Pardon our pride and the sinful advice that we give others who are prepared to be humble like Jesus, in whose name we pray.**

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

**Assurance of Pardon**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: Friends, hear the good news! Like Abraham’s faith in God, our faith can be counted for the good,

**People: because Jesus was given up to death for our sins and raised from the dead to justify us in the sight of God.**

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**

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Frances Collins

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him,

"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you.

I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**New Testament Reading**

Mark 8:31-38

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Message**

“Whispering Sweet Nothings”

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**\*Middle Hymn**

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

**\*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: Receive these offerings of ourselves and our possessions, insignificant when compared to the gift of Christ. Let them be precious to you as a sign of our obedience of being cross-bearing followers of Jesus. Amen.**

### **Sending**

**\*Closing Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #8

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

**Charge and Blessing**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

## Announcements

**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 card sale goes directly back to the Scouts. For a card, contact Shawn Brecht at either 904.718.3128 or at [kpchandyman@gmail.com](mailto:kpchandyman@gmail.com).

**Easter Candy Donations Needed** - 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. Because He Lives, The Worship Committee (Jeannie and Lisa)

**Last Sunday of the Month Potluck Today** - Our last Sunday of the month potluck will be held today following worship. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Church Anniversary March 3** - To celebrate the church anniversary next Sunday, March 3, cake will be provided after worship.

**Bunko March 9** - The next Bunko night will be Saturday, March 9, at 6:00 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.

**Daylight Saving Time March 10** - Daylight saving time begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 10. Be sure to turn your clocks ahead 1 hour before going to bed Saturday night.

**Breakfast with the Easter Bunny March 16** - Mark your calendar for Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, March 16. More information will be coming soon.

**Church Clean-up March 23** - On Saturday, March 23, there will be a clean-up of the church grounds in preparation for Easter. More information will be coming soon.

**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 are on sale now. 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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