



## **Kirkwood Presbyterian Church**

Sunday, February 4, 2024

Communion Sunday and 5th Sunday after Epiphany

### **Gathering**

**Welcome and Ministry Announcements**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

**\*Opening Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #413

“Come into God’s Presence”

**\*Call to Worship**

Worship Leader

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

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: We praise the Lord with hymns of praise.

**People: Our hymns are sung to the Eternal One. Praise the Lord.**

**Gathering Prayer**

Kathy Foresi

**Call to Confession**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**Prayer of Confession**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**People: God who is unlimited, surely you do not expect us to accept suffering without complaining! We are frustrated with illnesses that persist and keep us from doing the things that bring us happiness. Long nights of futility seem like such a waste to us. Too often, we question why it should happen to us, as if we were better than others. We ignore the spiritual growth that could be ours as a result. We forget how our suffering can help us to minister to others who suffer. Forgive our resistance to the healing power of our spirit and body that your Spirit can enable through our faith in Jesus Christ.**

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

**Assurance of Pardon**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: Friends, hear the good news! Jesus came to heal those who suffer and to free those who are captives of evil.

**People: Jesus comes bringing healing and freedom.**

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**

Isaiah 40:21-31

Kathy Foresi

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God”? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**New Testament Reading**

Mark 1:29-39

Dr. Yvan Kelly

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon’s mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, “Everyone is searching for you.” He answered, “Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.” And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Message**

“Does It Make a Difference?”

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**\*Middle Hymn**

“Come, Now Is the Time to Worship”

## **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 of the gospel, we share the responsibility of spreading the good news with elders and pastors, teachers and nurses, identifying conditions of people in order to share with them the word of your grace in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **Sending**

**\*Closing Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #384

“Soon and Very Soon”

**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 \$10.00 card sale goes directly back to the Scouts. This will help offset the costs of summer camp. With the rising costs of everything, this will not only help the Scouts but also you with free food or discounts on many options. For a card, contact Shawn Brecht, our Scout liaison, at either 904.718.3128 or at [kpchandyman@gmail.com](mailto:kpchandyman@gmail.com).

**Bunko February 10** - The next Bunko night will be this 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 next Sunday, February 11, following worship.

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

**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.

**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 this week. 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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