



Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 1, 2024

Communion Sunday and 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #385

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell *Psalm 100*”

***Call to Worship** (based on the book of Solomon):

Worship Leader

Leader: Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

People: Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,

Leader: For now the winter is past; the flowers appear on the earth.

People: Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above

Leader: The time of singing has come; the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.

People: Join with all nature in manifold witness

Leader: Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

All: To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Let us worship God!

Gathering Prayer

David Christian

Call to Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Prayer of Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

People: Merciful God, we confess that our words and actions do not always line up. We are quick to confess our faith but slow to live it. We sing praise to your name, but we pass by orphans and widows on the other side of the street. Change us, O God. By your grace, transform us. Root out the selfishness that hardens our hearts, and replace it with compassion and generosity. Empower us by your Spirit that we might be doers of your word and not hearers only.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: Friends, hear the good news! The Spirit will give us inner strength to resist all evil.

People: And our heavenly Father gives us the Holy Spirit.

Leader: Friends, believe the good news!

All: 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 45:1-2, 6-9

David Christian

My heart overflows with a goodly theme;

I address my verses to the king;

my tongue is like the pen

of a ready scribe.

You are the most handsome of men;

grace is poured upon your lips;

therefore God has blessed you forever.

Your throne, O God, endures

forever and ever.

Your royal scepter is a scepter of equity;

you love righteousness

and hate wickedness.

Therefore God, your God,

has anointed you with

the oil of gladness

beyond your companions;

your robes are all fragrant

with myrrh and aloes and cassia.

From ivory palaces stringed

instruments make you glad;

daughters of kings are among

your ladies of honor;

at your right hand stands

the queen in gold of Ophir.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

New Testament Reading

James 1:17-27

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act - they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and

undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

“Playing Favorites”

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Middle Hymn**

“Ancient of Days”

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.

The Lord’s Supper

Giving Thanks to God with Our Gifts and Offerings

Offertory Song

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

People: Generous God, we return to you these gifts, not only of our resources but also of our lives. Sanctify us and use us to work out your purposes in the world. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #839

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!”

Charge and Blessing

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Announcements

Church Office Closed September 2 - The church office will be closed tomorrow, September 2, in observance of Labor Day.

Blood Drive September 8 - On Sunday, September 8, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., the Big Red Bus will be in the parking lot holding a blood drive. You are encouraged to register in advance [here](#). Use sponsor code 31712. All donors will receive a \$20.00 eGift card, a pair of OneBlood socks, and a wellness checkup.

Bunko September 14 - The next Bunko night will be held on Saturday, September 14, at 6:00 p.m. No experience is needed and it is fun for all ages. The entrance fee is \$10.00 per person and includes dessert. All proceeds go to the church's building and grounds fund.

Session Meeting September 22 - The next Session meeting will be held on Sunday, September 22, following worship.

Disaster Supply Kit Checklist - FloridaDisaster.org is a website with disaster preparedness tips, as well as a disaster supply kit checklist. You can find the checklist as well as other information at <https://www.floridadisaster.org/>. Copies of the checklist are available 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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