



Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 15, 2024

17th Sunday after Pentecost

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** (based on Psalm 19)

Worship Leader

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God.

People: With Wisdom, we rejoice, knowing the streets are full of God’s glory!

Leader: The sky proclaims God’s handiwork.

People: With Wisdom, we rejoice, worshiping in the sanctuary of creation!

Leader: The ways of the Holy One make wise the simple.

People: With Wisdom, we rejoice, sharing in the oneness of love.

All: Let’s worship the Holy One in the streets, sanctuaries, and squares!

Gathering Prayer

Don Kent

Call to Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Prayer of Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

People: You call out to us, Holy God, from city streets, town squares, and cattle gates, but we refuse to listen. Preoccupied with our projections of you, we fail to see how our thoughts disrupt our communion with you. You offer an outstretched hand to transform our lives, but we choose complacency instead. Forgive us when we ignore your call to live in the way of love. By your mercy, may we heed your call to examine our thoughtlessness so that we may live for Christ.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: Friends, hear the good news! Gracious is the Lord our God who is full of compassion.

People: When we are at our lowest, God saves us.

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)

*please stand

Wisdom cries out in the street;
 in the squares she raises her voice.
 At the busiest corner she cries out;
 at the entrance of the
 city gates she speaks:
 “How long, O simple ones,
 will you love being simple?
 How long will scoffers delight
 in their scoffing
 and fools hate knowledge?
 Give heed to my reproof;
 I will pour out my thoughts to you;
 I will make my words
 known to you.
 Because I have called and you refused,
 have stretched out my hand
 and no one heeded,
 and because you have
 ignored all my counsel
 and would have none of my reproof,
 I also will laugh at your calamity;
 I will mock when panic strikes you,
 when panic strikes you like a storm,
 and your calamity comes
 like a whirlwind,

when distress and anguish
 come upon you.
 Then they will call upon me,
 but I will not answer;
 they will seek me diligently,
 but will not find me.
 Because they hated knowledge
 and did not choose
 the fear of the Lord,
 would have none of my counsel,
 and despised all my reproof,
 therefore they shall eat
 the fruit of their way
 and be sated with
 their own devices.
 For waywardness kills the simple,
 and the complacency of
 fools destroys them;
 but those who listen to me
 will be secure
 and will live at ease,
 without dread of disaster.”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue - a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree,

my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Reader: The word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Message “Live What You Talk About” Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Middle Hymn** “Set a Fire”

***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.
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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: God who witnesses the cries and shouts of creation, receive our tithes and offerings. May our streets be filled with joy, our cities be embraced by peace, and our lives be blessed with abundance. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Hymn** Glory to God Hymnal #546
“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

Charge and Blessing Dr. Yvan Kelly

Announcements

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

Last Sunday of the Month Potluck Luncheon September 29 - Our last Sunday of the month potluck will be held on Sunday, September 29, following worship. If you plan on attending, please bring a dish to share. Those with the last name beginning with A-H please bring a side or a salad, I-P please bring a dessert, and Q-Z please bring a main dish.

Peace and Global Witness Offering October 6 - On Sunday, October 6, we will accept offerings for the Peace and Global Witness offering. This offering supports peacemaking work. 25% of our offering stays at Kirkwood to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our community. Please use the special envelopes on the table in the back of the church or note on the regular offering envelope that your offering is for Peace and Global Witness Offering.

It's Pumpkin Time! - Anyone interested in helping, please contact Shawn Brecht at 904.718.3128 or Wayne Barnes at 904.537.6520. We have lots to do in a few short weeks... set up tents, lay out pallets, make photo opportunities, unload & sell pumpkins, and have a great outreach fun time.

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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