



Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 22, 2024

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #458

“Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet”

***Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 1)

Worship Leader

Leader: Blessed are those who delight in the law of the Lord,

People: And meditate on God’s word day and night.

Leader: They are like trees planted by streams of water,

People: Which yield their fruit in its season.

All: Let us worship the Lord, our source of wisdom and strength.

Gathering Prayer

Teresa Greenawalt

Call to Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Prayer of Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

People: Merciful God, we confess that we have often acted out of selfish ambition and conceit. We have allowed envy and self-interest to guide our actions, rather than the wisdom that comes from above. Forgive us for the times we have caused conflicts among ourselves and with others. Help us to devote ourselves to you, resisting the devil, and drawing near to your grace. In Jesus’ name, we pray.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: Friends, hear the good news! God comes to those who welcome even a child in the name of Jesus.

People: We receive God when we receive Jesus and the children he loves.

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 1

Teresa Greenawalt

Happy are those who do not follow
the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;
but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law they meditate
day and night.
They are like trees planted
by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do,
they prosper.

The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that
the wind drives away.
Therefore the wicked will not stand
in the judgment,
nor sinners in the
congregation of the righteous;
for the Lord watches over
the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

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

New Testament Reading

Mark 9:30-37

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They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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

Message

"Ask the Next Question"

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Middle Hymn**

"My Jesus, My Savior *Shout to the Lord*"

***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.**

Thornwell Orphanage

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: Gracious God, we offer these gifts to you as an expression of our gratitude and love. May they be used to nurture wisdom, foster peace, and serve those in need. As we dedicate these offerings, help us to embody the spirit of humility and service that Christ taught. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #306 v. 1, 3, & 5

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

Charge and Blessing

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Announcements

Session Meeting September 22 - The Session will meet immediately after worship today.

Last Sunday of the Month Potluck Luncheon September 29 - Our last Sunday of the month potluck will be held next Sunday, September 29, following worship. Check out tomorrow's newsletter for more information on what to bring.

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.

Pumpkin Patch October 5 - 31 - Volunteers are needed for our annual pumpkin patch. Hours for the pumpkin patch are Monday- Friday 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., and Sunday 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. A volunteer sign-up sheet is available in the narthex. If you have any questions, please see Shawn Brecht.

Bunko October 12 - The next Bunko night will be held on Saturday, October 12, 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.

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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