



## **Kirkwood Presbyterian Church**

Sunday, February 2, 2025

Communion Sunday and 4th 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** (Based on 1 Corinthians)

Worship Leader

Leader: Love is patient.

**People: Love is kind.**

Leader: Love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.

**People: Love does not insist on its own way.**

Leader: Love is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing.

**People: Love rejoices in the truth.**

Leader: Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

**People: Love never ends.**

**All: Let us worship the Lord who loves us without boundaries.**

**Gathering Prayer**

Gabriel Rodriguez

**Call to Confession**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**Prayer of Confession**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**People: Lord, we confess that we doubt your capacity to work through us. We hold on to fears that we are unworthy to speak your words, so we stay silent. We struggle to fathom the wholeness of your claim over us, so we ignore the light of your love as it emerges in the dark places of our lives. We seek refuge in temporary towers and are numb to cruelty. Forgive us. Help us to trust you, to lean upon you, to speak your word to a weary world, and accept the completeness of your love in our lives.**

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

## Assurance of Pardon

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: Friends, hear the Good News! God's love lasts forever.

**People: There is no place it cannot reach. There is no age it cannot touch.**

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

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Gabriel Rodriguez

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### New Testament Reading

Luke 4:21-30

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Message**

“Off a Cliff”

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**\*Middle Hymn**

“Indescribable”

## **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**

“Daystar”  
performed by Ken Strickland

**\*Doxology**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**People: Holy One, you are the giver of our lives. You know us completely. Take these gifts, offered from our labors, our commitments, and our collections of interest. Transform them into your love at work in this tired world that longs for your Word. Amen.**

### **Sending**

**\*Closing Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #384

“Soon and Very Soon”

**Charge and Blessing**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

## Announcements

**Thrivent Card Drive Ends Today** - Thrivent is helping spread the love this Valentine's Day by participating in a Valentine's Day card collection drive for our military men and women stationed out of Mayport Naval Station. Each card can be:

- ❖ Store-bought or handmade
- ❖ It is best to keep it general in the note- "Thank you for your service"
- ❖ Cards will be going to men/women
- ❖ An envelope may be included but not necessary and not sealed
- ❖ If you want to include a return address you may, if you choose

Cards must be turned in to the Kirkwood church office no later than today, **February 2**, so that we can get them to the Thrivent office in time for them to deliver them.

**Bunko February 8** - The next Bunko night will be held this Saturday, February 8, 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 February 9** - The Session will meet after worship on February 9.

**Sunday Potluck Luncheon February 16** - After worship on February 16 there will be a potluck luncheon. Everyone is invited. If you plan on attending, please bring a dish to share.

**Office Closed February 17** - The church office will be closed on Monday, February 17, in observance of Presidents' Day.

**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Response to California Wildfires** - To support the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance's response to the California Wildfires, you can fill out the form on the table in the narthex. Once you fill the form out, you can either turn it into the church office along with your check made out to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) or mail it directly to the Presbyterian Church. The address to send the form and check to is on the form. Instructions for making payments by phone or online are on the form.

**Children's Sunday School Change** - Beginning March 2, the children will meet in the youth portable at 10:00 a.m. for Sunday School. Parents will pick them up immediately after the service ends. On Communion Sundays, the ushers will bring the children inside for communion and they will return to class after communion.

**Updated Ministry Teams** - An updated list of ministry teams and their responsibilities is available on the table in the narthex, on the church website, and in the newsletter.

**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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