



Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 9, 2025

1st Sunday in Lent

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #408

“There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

***Call to Worship**(based on Psalm 91)

Worship Leader

Leader: Where is our home?

People: Our home is in the shelter and shadow of God.

Leader: How can this be our refuge?

People: Because God’s angels will guard your house and those in it from evil and threat.

Leader: How can we flourish?

People: Staying close to God’s ways will bring our lives to abundance.

All: Let us worship God!

A Time for Children

Dr. Yvan Kelly

(Children will go to Sunday School)

Gathering Prayer

Lois Morse

Call to Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Prayer of Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

People: God of wide circles, we too often revert to our fear-filled instinct to cut off those unfamiliar and distant. May we see others based on your heart. You remind us when we lean into your kingdom agenda, our worldview is expanded to focus on our common humanity. May we embrace your created diversity and include all in our cherished life’s work.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: Friends, hear the Good News! Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

People: The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame”.

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*please stand

Word

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Lois Morse

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Luke 4:1-13

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

“Temptations and Triumphs”

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Middle Hymn**

“Great are You 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.**

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: We bring the fruits of the labor, O Lord, you have given us. We bow before you and celebrate with our community the bounty of all you have given us and our households. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #69

“I, The Lord of Sea and Sky”

Charge and Blessing

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Announcements

Helping Hands - Shawn Brecht is reaching out to everyone for help. Our brother and sister in Christ, Tony & Beth Bergman, need help with their home. It needs to be pressure washed and painted soon to avoid HOA fines. Those that are interested and can help with Beth & Tony's house, we start cleaning at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 15. On Saturday, March 22, we paint. Thank you in advance to any and all that can come and help. Contact Tony Bergman or Shawn for the address.

One Great Hour of Sharing - During the Lenten Season, we will collect offerings for One Great Hour of Sharing, which provides relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. To support this offering, special envelopes can be found in the friendship pads for you to use. Fish coin banks are available for your children to collect their coins in and participate in this special offering.

OneBlood Blood Drive March 9 - Today, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., the Big Red bus is in the parking lot hosting a blood drive. Appointments are encouraged and can be made at oneblood.org/donate-now. Please use sponsor code 31712.

Session Meeting March 9 - The Session will meet today after worship.

Candy Collection for Breakfast with the Easter Bunny - We are collecting individually wrapped candy for the Breakfast with the Easter Bunny event. If you would like to donate candy, please bring it in and place it in the bin in the narthex.

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and Egg Hunt April 5 - Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 5. Breakfast is from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., pictures with the Easter Bunny are from 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., and the Easter egg hunt is promptly at 10:30 a.m. A registration form can be found on the table in the narthex and in tomorrow's newsletter. Be sure to bring your own basket for the egg hunt.

Thrivent Shred Events - Thrivent is holding several shred events. More information can be found on the sheet in the narthex and in tomorrow's 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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