



Kirkwood Presbyterian Church
Sunday, April 6, 2025
Communion Sunday and 5th Sunday in Lent

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #15 v.1 & 4

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

***Call to Worship** (from Psalm 126)

Worship Leader

Leader: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,

People: we were like those who dreamed.

Leader: Our mouths were filled with laughter,

People: our tongues with songs of joy.

Leader: It was said among the nations,

People: The Lord has done great things for them.

Leader: The Lord has done great things for us,

People: and we are filled with joy.

A Time for Children

Dr. Yvan Kelly

(Children will go to Sunday School)

Gathering Prayer

Kathalee Caissie

Call to Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Prayer of Confession (from the Book of Common Worship)

Dr. Yvan Kelly

People: Ever-Present God, you offer us restoration and wholeness, yet we resist you. We reduce the purpose of this life to the amount of stuff we can retain, and we disregard our neighbors. We confess that we would rather remain as we are than risk the change that results from your presence in our lives. In this season of Lent, help us to realize just how much we depend on one another. Guide our lives towards your goodness and your joy. And as you do, we ask that you renew us, restore us, and remain with us, as you always have.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: Friends, hear the Good News! With the 12 we are invited to eat and drink at our Lord's table in the kingdom of God.

People: From east and west, from north and south, we gather together at the Lord's table.

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

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

Word

Old Testament Reading

Psalms 126

Kathalee Caissie

When the Lord restored the
fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.
Then our mouth was
filled with laughter,
and our tongue with
shouts of joy;
then it was said among the nations,
"The Lord has done great
things for them."
The Lord has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses in the Negeb.
May those who sow in tears reap
with shouts of joy.
Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

John 12:1-8

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

"Joy in Lent"

Dr. Yvan Kelly

*Middle Hymn

"Behold the Lamb"

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: God of all gifts, we are grateful for the many ways you provide for us. As we offer a portion of these gifts today, we ask that you might receive them and transform them. Allow these gifts to become acts of restoration and hope, here in our community and beyond. So that all of your children might live in the joy that you offer us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Sending

*Closing Hymn

Glory to God Hymnal #697 v. 1, 5, & 6

"Take My Life"

Charge and Blessing

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Announcements

Presbyterian Women Potluck and Meeting April 7 - Tomorrow, April 7, there will be an important Presbyterian Women's meeting. The potluck begins at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.

Church Clean-up April 12 - The Saturday before Palm Sunday, April 12, is church clean-up day to prepare for Easter. Be there by 8:00 a.m. with rakes, shovels, and trash bags. Trimming tools are also helpful as we clean the memorial garden and other flower beds.

Bunko April 12 - The next Bunko night will be held on Saturday, April 12, at 6:00 p.m. No experience is needed and it is fun for all ages. A \$10.00 donation is asked for each person and includes dessert. All proceeds go to the church's building and grounds fund.

Session Meeting April 13 - The Session will meet on Sunday, April 13, following worship.

Maundy Thursday Service April 17 - On Thursday, April 17, at 7:00 p.m. we will have a Maundy Thursday service with communion. Everyone is invited to attend.

Easter Sunday Services April 20 - On Sunday, April 20, we will hold two services. Our Sunrise Service will begin at 7:00 a.m. in the Memory Garden and our traditional Easter Sunday service will be held in the sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. Breakfast will be served after the 7:00 a.m. service.

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.

Thrivent Shred Events - Thrivent is holding a shred event at their office on April 26. More information can be found on the sheet in the narthex and in tomorrow's newsletter.

Annual Yard Sale May 3 - Our Annual Yard Sale is Saturday, May 3. Start cleaning out your closets now! We will also need volunteers to help set up, organize, work at the Yard Sale, and break it down. Look for sign-up sheets 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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