



Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, June 22, 2025
2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn** Glory to God Hymnal #372 v. 1, 4, & 5 "O for a World"

***Call to Worship** (from Psalm 42) Worship Leader

Leader: As a deer longs for flowing streams, our souls long for you, O God.

People: Our souls thirst for God, for the living God.

Leader: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?

People: Hope in God, for we shall again praise the Lord, our help and our God.

A Time for Children Dr. Yvan Kelly
(Children will go to Sunday School)

Gathering Prayer Teresa Greenawalt

Call to Confession Dr. Yvan Kelly

Prayer of Confession Dr. Yvan Kelly

People: God of gospel freedom, we find it difficult to imagine that we could indeed be your children through faith. We cannot believe that we could belong to Christ and be heirs of the promise made to Abraham and his offspring. Help our unbelief; rekindle our imagination. Tame our rebellion. Bring us back to you.

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

Assurance of Pardon Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: Friends, hear the Good News! Through faith, you are all children of God in union with Jesus.

People: Baptized into union with him, we have all been wrapped in his love.

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

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

Word

Old Testament Lesson

1 Kings 19:1-4, 8-15a

Teresa Greenawalt

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors."

He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson

Galatians 3:23-29

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

“Did You Hear That?”

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Middle Hymn**

“Above All”

***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: Generous God, may these gifts empower our witness to your work in the world. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #65

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Charge and Blessing

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Announcements

Session Meeting June 22 - The Session will meet today after worship.

Vacation Bible School June 25 - 27 - VBS News ... Let's Get This Party Started! Vacation Bible School will be held this Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, June 25, 26, & 27 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The registration fee is \$10.00. Registration forms are available on the table in the narthex and in tomorrow's newsletter. Space is limited, so sign up today!

Bunko July 12 - The next Bunko night is scheduled for Saturday, July 12, at 6:00 p.m. No experience is required, and it's 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.

Blood Drive July 13 - The Big Red Bus will be in the parking lot holding a blood drive on Sunday, July 13, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. All donors will receive a \$20.00 eGift card, a top handle drinkware, and a wellness checkup. Please make an appointment in advance at oneblood.org/donate-now and use the sponsor code 31712 to sign up.

Session Meeting July 13 - The July Session meeting will take place on Sunday, July 13, after worship.

Preschool Board Meeting July 14 - The Preschool Board will meet on Monday, July 14, at 6:30 p.m.

Replacing Railroad Ties - In the church yard, we have railroad ties that are rotting away. The ties were originally placed to meet the state's requirement that parking areas must have "stopping barriers". The Session decided to replace the railroad ties with concrete ties that will not rot. It was determined that we needed 150 ties, which cost \$25 each. As of Sunday, June 15, we have collected enough funds to purchase 81 ties. We still need to purchase an additional 69 ties. Right now, we are at 54% of our goal. If you would like to purchase a tie or ties, please mark "RR ties" on your check and offering envelope.

Assistance Needed with Mowing - Volunteers are needed to help mow the yard. The mowing doesn't have to be done on a Saturday, and you don't have to mow the whole property. If you can help at any time, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. If you have any questions, please call or text Shawn at 904.718.3128 or Larry Hadrava at 904.476.9398.

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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