



Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, June 29, 2025
3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #192
“Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining *Shine, Jesus, Shine*”

***Call to Worship**

Worship Leader

Leader: Jesus said, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.”

People: Lord, help us follow where you lead.

Leader: Jesus said, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”

People: Lord, help us put you first and follow you.

Leader: Jesus said, “Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also.”

People: Lord, help us follow you that we may serve you.

Leader: The peace of Christ be with all of you.

All: Let us worship God.

A Time for Children

Dr. Yvan Kelly

(Children will go to Sunday School)

Gathering Prayer

Mike Brodersen

Call to Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Prayer of Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

People: Eternal God, you claimed us as your own in our baptisms and called us to be your covenant people. We confess we do not live as people created in your image, nor do we lead lives worthy of the calling to which we have been called. Jesus still calls, “Follow me” and we offer excuses because we can’t do that. Jesus calls us to new life in the Spirit, and we cling to our old habits. Gracious God, forgive our sins. Open our ears and hearts to hear Jesus’s call and give us grace and strength to respond in faith and love.

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

*please stand

Leader: Friends, hear the Good News! For freedom, Christ has set us free.

People: Through the Spirit and by faith, we live in the hope of righteousness.

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

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

Word

Old Testament Lesson

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Mike Brodersen

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel.

Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, “Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?” When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Dr. Yvan Kelly

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as

yourself.” If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

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

Message “What’s In Your Garden?” Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Middle Hymn** “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

***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: Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the undeserved blessings you give us. Most of all, we thank and praise you for your gift of your Son Jesus Christ. Give us grateful hearts and willing lives so we may follow our Lord where he leads us and serve our Lord as he calls us. Amen.

Sending

*Closing Hymn

Glory to God Hymnal #172 v. 1, 3, & 4

“Blest Are They”

Charge and Blessing

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Announcements

Church Office Closed in July - The church office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, July 3-4, and on Wednesday through Friday, July 16-18.

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 20 - The Big Red Bus will be in the parking lot holding a blood drive on Sunday, July 20, from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. All donors will receive a \$20.00 eGift card, a top handle drinkware, and a wellness checkup. Please schedule an appointment in advance at oneblood.org/donate-now and use sponsor code 31712.

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.

May 2025 Pledges

Actual Received\$6473.56

Amount Pledged\$6428.00

Difference+\$ 25.56

Please keep up with your pledges. Thank you!

Replacing Railroad Ties - The rotting wooden railroad ties in the gravel parking lot need to be replaced. They are being replaced with concrete ties. The church is required to have a bumper for parking spaces, so we must replace them. The cost per concrete tie is \$25.00. 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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