



Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, July 20, 2025
6th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #370 “This Is My Father’s World”

***Call to Worship**

Worship Leader

Leader: God calls us here to worship. We carry many worries and are distracted by many things, but here, in this time and place, we are invited to set them aside, to be fully present. Let us remember who we are:

People: We are the body of Christ.

Leader: We remember whose we are:

People: We are God’s beloved children.

Leader: We remember our chief purpose:

People: To glorify and enjoy God forever.

All: Let us worship God!

A Time for Children

(Children will go to Sunday School)

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Gathering Prayer

Lois Morse

Call to Confession

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Prayer of Confession

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People: Holy God, we are pulled in many different directions. We are distracted by the news, quick to point fingers and pass judgment, but reluctant to examine ourselves. We are distracted by our fears. We fear the loss of health, safety, and financial security. We are distracted by our tasks, by calendars that shape our priorities, leaving us with less time and energy for what is most important. We confess our distraction, even as we acknowledge that sometimes we embrace it, because it’s easier than sitting at Jesus’s feet, learning what it means to follow him. We confess that distraction is easier than discipleship. Forgive us. Help us discern and choose the better path as we seek to follow Christ.

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

*please stand

Leader: Friends, hear the Good News! God has chosen to make known to you the mystery of the glory of Jesus.

People: The Spirit within us enriches our lives.

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

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

Word

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 52

Lois Morse

Why do you boast, O mighty one,
of mischief done against the godly?
All day long you are
plotting destruction.

Your tongue is like a sharp razor,
you worker of treachery.
You love evil more than good,
and lying more than
speaking the truth.

Selah

You love all words that devour,
O deceitful tongue.
But God will break you down forever;
he will snatch and tear you
from your tent;
he will uproot you from the land
of the living.

Selah

The righteous will see, and fear,
and will laugh at the evildoer, saying,
“See the one who would not take
refuge in God,

but trusted in abundant riches,
and sought refuge in wealth!”
But I am like a green olive tree
in the house of God.

I trust in the steadfast love of God
forever and ever.

I will thank you forever,
because of what you have done.
In the presence of the faithful
I will proclaim your name,
for it is good.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson

Luke 10:38-42

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Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.” But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

“Mary or Martha?”

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***Middle Hymn**

“Open Up the Heavens”

***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: Abundant God, we give thanks for your grace and provision in our lives. Use these gifts to meet the physical and spiritual needs of our community and the world. May they witness to your love and care for all people, as we offer our time and energy to do the same. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Sending

***Closing Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #468

*"In My Life
Lord, Be Glorified"*

Charge and Blessing

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Announcements

Prayer and Support for Texas - Please keep the people of Texas in your prayers as they have faced devastating floods-pray for comfort, safety, strength, and hope for those affected. Let's also lift up the first responders working tirelessly on the ground, bringing help and care in the midst of crisis. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is working with the Synod of the Sun to coordinate response and relief efforts. To learn more, visit <https://pcusa.org/disaster-assistance/active-responses/national-disaster/texas-hill-country-flooding>.

Potluck Luncheon July 27 - Following worship on Sunday, July 27, a potluck lunch will be held. Everyone is invited, so stay after worship for this time of food and fellowship. If you plan on attending, please bring a dish to share.

Community-Wide Meeting July 29 - On Tuesday, July 29, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., the City of Jacksonville will hold a community-wide meeting at Kirkwood to discuss improvements planned for Shindler Drive (from Collins Road to 103rd Street). Everyone is invited to attend this meeting to learn about and share their input on this project.

Bunko August 9 - The next Bunko night is scheduled for Saturday, August 9, at 6:00 p.m. No experience is required, 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 August 10 - The Session will meet on Sunday, August 10, after worship.

Update on Railroad Ties - The railroad ties in the church yard are rotting away and must be replaced. The Session decided to replace them with concrete ties. We need to purchase 150 concrete ties, which cost \$25 each. As of Monday, July 14, we have collected enough funds to purchase 125 ties. 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.

June 2025 Pledges

Actual Received\$8767.26
Amount Pledged\$6428.00
Difference+\$2339.26

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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