



Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, July 27, 2025
7th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #12 v. 1, 2,& 4

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

***Call to Worship (from Psalm 9)**

Worship Leader

Leader: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;

People: I will tell of your wonderful deeds.

Leader: I will be glad and exult in you;

People: I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Leader: Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield.

People: Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.

All: Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

A Time for Children

Dr. Yvan Kelly

(Children will go to Sunday School)

Gathering Prayer

Don Kent

Call to Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Prayer of Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

People: Merciful God, we pray the Lord's Prayer each week, even daily, but we do not always walk the walk. We pray that your kingdom will come and your will be done, but we are reluctant to do the work of love and mercy that characterize your kingdom. We ask for our daily bread and then hoard as much as we can. We ask you to forgive us as we have forgiven others, but we are quick to anger and slow to forgive. Loving God, have mercy on us and forgive us our sins. Help us to seek your will for our lives and walk in the way of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Dr. Yvan Kelly

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

People: Let us use our freedom as an opportunity to become servants to one another.

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

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

*please stand

Word

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 85:1-13

Don Kent

Lord, you were favourable to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
You forgave the iniquity of your people;
you pardoned all their sin.

Selah

You withdrew all your wrath;
you turned from your hot anger.

Restore us again,
O God of our salvation,
and put away your indignation
towards us.

Will you be angry with us for ever?
Will you prolong your anger
to all generations?

Will you not revive us again,
so that your people may
rejoice in you?

Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.

Let me hear what God
the Lord will speak,

for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn
to him in their hearts.

Surely his salvation is at hand
for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell
in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness
will meet;
righteousness and peace will
kiss each other.

Faithfulness will spring up
from the ground,
and righteousness will look down
from the sky.

The Lord will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness will go before him,
and will make a path for his steps.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson

Luke 11:1-13

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He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs."

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts

to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

"The Forgiveness We Live"

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***Middle Hymn**

"Ancient of Days"

***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 God, we know that every good and perfect gift comes from you. With glad and generous hearts, we give back what rightfully belongs to you. With open hearts and willing hands, may we joyfully use your gifts to share the good news of Jesus Christ to this world. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #321 v. 1, 2, & 5

"The Church's One Foundation"

Charge and Blessing

Dr. Yvan Kelly

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>.

Backpacks for Students - Thank you to everyone who contributed school supplies to the students in the Child Abuse, Parent Aide, and Prevention Program. Thrivent is grateful that we were able to assist in collecting supplies for the children in this program.

Potluck Luncheon July 27 - Following worship today, a potluck lunch will be held. Please 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 - This Tuesday, 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.

Guest Preacher August 3 - On August 3, Rev. Amy Camp will be our guest preacher. As Parish Associate at Memorial Presbyterian in St. Augustine, Amy's special interests in ministry are Stephen Ministry, pastoral care, addiction & recovery, and spiritual practices. Amy received her Masters of Divinity from Columbia Theological Seminary in 2000. She has a Certificate in Spiritual Formation also from Columbia and is a certified 200-hour Yoga Teacher. She enjoys teaching yoga on the church lawn, spending time with her family and friends, trail running in Anastasia State Park, and playing with her Beagle.

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.

Railroad Tie Replacements - We are almost at our goal of replacing the rotting railroad ties! The railroad ties in the church yard are rotting away, and the Session decided to replace them with concrete ties. We need 150 concrete ties, which cost \$25 each. As of July 21, we have collected enough funds to purchase 146 ties. If you would like to purchase ties, please mark "RR ties" on your check and offering envelope.

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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