



Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 10, 2025

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #408

“There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

***Call to Worship** (from Hebrews 11)

Worship Leader

Leader: Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the convictions of things not seen.

People: Like Abraham, let us follow God, even when we don’t know where we are going.

Leader: By faith, let us look forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

All: Let us worship the God whose promises call and claim us.

A Time for Children

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Blessing of the Backpacks

(Children will go to Sunday School)

Gathering Prayer

Lisa Christian

Call to Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Prayer of Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

People: God of Hope and Promise, we admit that our faith sometimes falters. We acknowledge that our doubts and grievances often overwhelm us. We struggle to comprehend our own suffering and that of others. Pardon us when we lose faith in you and in ourselves. Guide us back to you. Encourage us to stay committed to a meaningful life filled with your grace.

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

Leader: Friends, hear the Good News! It is by faith that we receive God's approval.

People: We trust God to keep the promise of Christ.

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

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

Word

Old Testament Lesson

Psalms 50:1-8, 22-23

Lisa Christian

The mighty one, God the Lord,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun
to its setting.
Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.
Our God comes and
does not keep silence,
before him is a devouring fire,
and a mighty tempest
all around him.
He calls to the heavens above
and to the earth,
that he may judge his people:
“Gather to me my faithful ones,
who made a covenant
with me by sacrifice!”

The heavens declare his righteousness,
for God himself is judge. *Selah*
“Hear, O my people, and I will speak,
O Israel, I will testify against you.
I am God, your God.
Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;
your burnt offerings are
continually before me.
“Mark this, then, you who forget God,
or I will tear you apart,
and there will be no one to deliver.
Those who bring thanksgiving
as their sacrifice honor me;
to those who go the right way
I will show the salvation of God.”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson

Romans 10:8-13

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But what does it say?

“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

“I Believe”

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***Middle Hymn**

“Your Great Name”

***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: God of abundance, everything we have is on loan from you. Help us be good stewards of all your precious resources. Bless these gifts we give in return that they might be a blessing to others. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #541 v. 1, 2, & 4

“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

Charge and Blessing

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Announcements

Session Meeting August 10 - The Session will meet today after worship.

Blessing of the Backpacks August 10 - Today, during worship, we will ask students and teachers to bring their backpacks and briefcases up for a time of prayer and blessing.

Presbyterian Women's Horizons Bible Study Event August 23 - It's almost time for the 2025-2026 Presbyterian Women's Horizons Bible Study Event coming up on Saturday, August 23. The event will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Montgomery Conference Center, 88 SE 75th Street, Keystone Heights, FL 32091. A brochure with the full event information and payment information can be found posted on the Presbyterian Women's bulletin board in the hallway and in tomorrow's newsletter.

Bunko September 13 - The next Bunko night is scheduled for Saturday, September 13, 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.

Update on Railroad Tie Replacements - We have met our goal!! We have raised enough funds to purchase 150 concrete ties to replace the rotting ones in the church yard. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this cause.

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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