



## **Kirkwood Presbyterian Church**

Sunday, August 17, 2025

10th Sunday after Pentecost

### **Gathering**

**Welcome and Ministry Announcements**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

**\*Opening Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #14 v. 1, 2, & 4

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

**\*Call to Worship** (from Psalm 80)

Worship Leader

Leader: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

**People: Stir up your might and come to save us!**

Leader: You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.

**People: You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land. The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches;**

Leader: It sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the river.

**People: Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven and see.**

**All: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

**A Time for Children**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

(Children will go to Sunday School)

**Gathering Prayer**

David Christian

**Call to Confession**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**Prayer of Confession**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**People: Ever-loving God, we confess that we are not always ready to trust your love. You call us to step forward in faith, but we cling to what is familiar and comfortable. You are eternally at work in the world, but we struggle to discern your presence in the signs of the times. Forgive us, O God. By your grace, give us courage to stand for what is right and good. Teach us faithfulness and perseverance for the journey ahead. In Jesus' name we pray.**

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

Leader: Friends, hear the Good News! For our sake, Jesus endured the cross.

**People: Christ has taken his seat at the right hand of God, where he intercedes for us.**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

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

### Word

#### Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 5:1-7

David Christian

Let me sing for my beloved  
my love-song concerning  
his vineyard:  
My beloved had a vineyard  
on a very fertile hill.  
He dug it and cleared it of stones,  
and planted it with choice vines;  
he built a watchtower  
in the midst of it,  
and hewed out a wine vat in it;  
he expected it to yield grapes,  
but it yielded wild grapes.  
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and people of Judah,  
judge between me  
and my vineyard.  
What more was there to do  
for my vineyard  
that I have not done in it?  
When I expected it to yield grapes,  
why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you  
what I will do to my vineyard.  
I will remove its hedge,  
and it shall be devoured;  
I will break down its wall,  
and it shall be trampled down.  
I will make it a waste;  
it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
and it shall be overgrown  
with briars and thorns;  
I will also command the clouds  
that they rain no rain upon it.  
For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts  
is the house of Israel,  
and the people of Judah  
are his pleasant planting;  
he expected justice,  
but saw bloodshed;  
righteousness, but heard a cry!

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### New Testament Lesson

Luke 12:49-56

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“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how

to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Message**

"The Purple"

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**\*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: Generous God, receive these gifts as investments in your kingdom of love, justice, and peace. Use this money and use our lives to bring about the world as you intend it. With gratitude we pray, Amen.**

### **Sending**

**\*Closing Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #307 v. 1, 3, & 4

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

**Charge and Blessing**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

## **Announcements**

**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.

**Session Meeting August 28** - The Session will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 28.

**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.

**OneBlood Blood Drive September 14** - The Big Red bus will be in the parking lot on Sunday, September 14, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for a blood drive. All donors receive a \$20 eGift card, a OneBlood T-shirt, and a wellness check-up. To schedule an appointment in advance, please visit <https://www.oneblood.org/donate-now> and use the sponsor code 31712 to register.

**Session Meeting September 14** - The Session will meet on Sunday, September 14, following worship.

**Preschool Board Meeting September 15** - The Preschool Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, September 15.

**Church Office Closed September 26** - The church office will be closed on Friday, September 26.

**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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