



Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 31, 2025

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #385 v. 1, 2, & 4

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell *Psalm 100*”

***Call to Worship**

Worship Leader

Leader: Gathered to worship God,

People: we are all right where we belong.

Leader: Called to this celebration of worship by God’s Spirit,

People: we approach God with joy in our hearts.

Leader: Nourished by the love of Jesus, God’s Son,

All: we gladly feast at this banquet of grace.

A Time for Children

Dr. Yvan Kelly

(Children will go to Sunday School)

Gathering Prayer

Kathalee Caissie

Call to Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Prayer of Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

People: Holy God, we compare ourselves with others, wondering if we are better than them. We judge one another, trying to justify ourselves. We seek to establish our superiority by assuming positions of honor. Forgive us, we pray. Free us to see ourselves truthfully and to love one another with humble, gracious spirits.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: Friends, hear the Good News! Jesus brings us a new covenant.

People: He will purify us and make us worthy of the company of good people made perfect.

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

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

Word

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 2:4-13

Kathalee Caissie

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, "Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?" I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, "Where is the Lord?" Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit.

Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Dr. Yvan Kelly

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place', and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

“Seats at the Table”

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Middle Hymn**

“The Table”

***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

“Be Okay”

Chevy Brodersen & Teresa Greenawalt

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

People: Gracious God, we offer to you these gifts, both as signs of our gratitude and as instruments of your reign. Use these gifts, and us, that your way of love and peace, transformation, and hope might flourish in this place. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #839

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!”

Charge and Blessing

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Announcements

Memorial Garden Marker - The church will be adding names to the Memorial Garden marker for a fee. If you have a name you would be interested in adding, please let Pastor Yvan or the church office know. We are trying to secure a better price by buying the engraving in bulk. Once we have a price determined, you'll be contacted to see if you wish to proceed or wait until a later time.

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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