



## **Kirkwood Presbyterian Church**

Sunday, September 14, 2025

14th Sunday after Pentecost

### **Gathering**

**Welcome and Ministry Announcements**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

**\*Opening Hymn**

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

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

**\*Call to Worship**

Worship Leader

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Bring to God a humble spirit.

**People: For God will not reject a humble and penitent heart.**

**All: Let us worship God.**

**A Time for Children**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

(Children will go to Sunday School)

**Gathering Prayer**

Teresa Greenawalt

**Call to Confession**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**Prayer of Confession**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**People: Dear God, we have disappointed you with the decisions we have made. We worship things of less value than you. We mistake earthly symbols as goals, and choose the finite over the infinite. You are more patient than we deserve, and you do not relent in calling us to you. Forgive us and give us time to overcome our stubbornness and errors in our ways, through Jesus Christ our savior.**

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

**Assurance of Pardon**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: Friends, hear the Good News! We are dealt with mercifully.

**People: The grace of our Lord Jesus is given to us lavishly through faith and love.**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

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

\*please stand

## Word

### **Old Testament Lesson**

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

Teresa Greenawalt

At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse—a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them.

“For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children, they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good.”

I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light. I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro. I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled. I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the Lord, before his fierce anger.

For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end. Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **New Testament Lesson**

Luke 15:1-10

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Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

So he told them this parable: “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Message**

**“The Shepherd Who Never Gives Up”**

**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: Fill our minds with your wisdom, O God, and our hearts with sincerity. Make us willing to obey you and to teach others your commands, so that we may all return to you, through Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.**

### **Sending**

**\*Closing Hymn**

**Glory to God Hymnal #546**

**“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”**

**Charge and Blessing**

**Dr. Yvan Kelly**

## **Announcements**

**OneBlood Blood Drive September 14** - The Big Red bus will be in the parking lot today 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 today after 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.

**It's Pumpkin Time!** - Anyone interested in helping, please contact Shawn Brecht at 904.718.3128 or Wayne Barnes at 904.537.6520. We have lots to do in a few short weeks... set up tents, lay out pallets, make photo opportunities, unload & sell pumpkins, and have a great outreach fun time.

**Pumpkin Patch October 4 - 31** - Volunteers are needed for our annual pumpkin patch. Hours for the pumpkin patch are Monday- Friday 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., and Sunday 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. A volunteer sign-up sheet is available in the narthex. If you have any questions, please see Shawn Brecht.

**Peace and Global Witness Special Offering October 5** - On Sunday, October 5, World Communion Sunday, we will accept offerings for the Peace and Global Witness offering. This offering supports peacemaking work. 25% of our offering stays at Kirkwood to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our community. Please use the special offering envelopes provided in the friendship pads or note "Peace Offering" on your check.

**Potluck Luncheon October 5** - Following worship on Sunday, October 5, we will have a potluck luncheon. Everyone is invited to attend. If you plan on attending this time for food and fellowship, please bring a dish to share.

**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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