



Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 28, 2025

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #465

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

***Call to Worship (based on Psalm 146)**

Worship Leader

Leader: Come! Praise the Lord!

People: Praise God for the heavens and the earth and all that is in them!

Leader: Come! Praise the Lord!

People: Praise God who feeds the hungry and uplifts the downtrodden!

Leader: Come! Praise the Lord!

People: Praise God who gives sight to the blind and sets prisoners free!

Leader: Come! Praise the Lord!

All: The Lord will reign forever! Praise the Lord!

A Time for Children

Dr. Yvan Kelly

(Children will go to Sunday School)

Gathering Prayer

Jeannie Brecht

Call to Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Prayer of Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

People: Almighty God, you call us to lives of service, but we confess that we ignore our neighbors who are in need right outside our door. You call us to share our abundance, but we confess that we choose our own comfort over generosity to others. You call us to build community, but we confess that we are too often gatekeepers, letting in only the ones that make us comfortable. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to be content and inspire us to share what we have until all your children have dignity and live in community.

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

*please stand

Leader: Friends, who is in a position to condemn us?

People: Only Christ, and Christ prays for us with love and mercy.

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

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

Word

Old Testament Lesson

Psalms 91:1-6, 14-16

Jeannie Brecht

You who live in the shelter of
the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of
the Almighty,
will say to the Lord,
“My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust.”
For he will deliver you from the
snare of the fowler
and from the deadly pestilence;
he will cover you with his pinions,
and under his wings
you will find refuge;
his faithfulness is a
shield and buckler.
You will not fear the terror of the night,
or the arrow that flies by day,

or the pestilence that stalks
in darkness,
or the destruction that
wastes at noonday.
Those who love me, I will deliver;
I will protect those
who know my name.
When they call to me,
I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble,
I will rescue them and
honor them.
With long life I will satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson

Luke 16:19-31

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“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house - for I have five brothers - that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to

him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

“Lazarus Is Still At the Gate”

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***Middle Hymn**

“Blessed Be Your 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: All that we have is a gift from you. Lord, bless these gifts and inspire us to use them in ways that transform your people. May they be a blessing to those who need them the most. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #450 v. 1, 3, & 4

“Be Thou My Vision”

Charge and Blessing

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Announcements

It's Pumpkin Time! – The pumpkins arrive this Friday, October 3, at 3:30 p.m. Anyone interested in helping with the Pumpkin Patch, please get in touch with Shawn Brecht at 904.718.3128 or Wayne Barnes at 904.537.6520. There is a lot 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.

Bunko October 11 - The next Bunko night is scheduled for Saturday, October 11, 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 October 12 - The Session will meet on Sunday, October 12, following worship.

Fall Festival October 25 - Mark your calendars now! The Fall Festival will take place on Saturday, October 25, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We will have craft vendors, food, a DJ and music, the pumpkin patch, children's activities, and more! Please make plans to come out for a great day of fun.

If you know someone who would like to participate as a vendor, either contact the church at 904.777.0006 or Deborah Ruth at Deborah.Ruth5250@gmail.com. We'd love to welcome more vendors to our Fall Festival - come be part of the fun!

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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