



Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 7, 2025

Communion Sunday and 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #20 v. 1, 2, & 4

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

***Call to Worship (based on Psalm 139)**

Worship Leader

Leader: Like clay on a wheel

People: God forms us: shaping us, molding us, creating us.

Leader: And like moldable clay, God continues to shape us.

All: Let us worship God.

A Time for Children

Dr. Yvan Kelly

(Children will go to Sunday School)

Gathering Prayer

Mike Brodersen

Call to Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Prayer of Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

People: God, you know us better than anyone else. You formed us in your own image. And yet, sometimes we stray from the gift you've given us. We keep people at a distance, letting personal barriers get in the way of relationships. Forgive us, Lord. Let us hear your call to change and do better. Give us the strength to ask for forgiveness from those whom we have wronged. Help us to think of you and those around us.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: Friends, hear the Good News! God gives us grace and peace through Jesus Christ.

People: This knowledge is almost too wonderful to understand!

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 18:1-11

Mike Brodersen

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: “Come, go down to the potter’s house, and there I will let you hear my words.” So I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter’s hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson

Luke 14:25-33

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

“The Cost of Finishing the Work”

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Middle Hymn**

“Your Great Name”

The Lord's Supper

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.

The Lord's Supper

Giving Thanks to God with Our Gifts and Offerings

Offertory Song

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

People: We give because we have been given so much. Lord, take these gifts and use them to faithfully transform others. Allow your work to be continued in the world where it is most needed. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #318 v. 1, 3, & 4

“In Christ There is No East or West”

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 this 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 next 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 next 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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