



Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 19, 2025

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #835

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

***Call to Worship (based on Psalm 121)**

Worship Leader

Leader: We lift up our eyes to the hills - from where will our help come?

People: Our help comes not from the hills, but from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Leader: I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent, whether the time is favorable or unfavorable;

People: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

All: With endurance, expectation, and joy, let us worship the living God!

A Time for Children

Dr. Yvan Kelly

(Children will go to Sunday School)

Gathering Prayer

Leah Hadrava

Call to Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Prayer of Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

People: God of the covenant, you promise to write your law in our hearts, that we might be faithful people who know you and your will for us. Still, we stray from your ways, we fail to tell the truth, we mirror the world around us more than the good news of the gospel, and we fail to acknowledge that you are our God. Forgive us, and by your Spirit renew us. Grant us courage and faith that we might begin again to live what it is we say we believe.

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

Leader: No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the Lord,”

People: for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord,

Leader: for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

All: Hear and believe this good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Word

Stewardship Minute

Lisa Christian

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 31:27-34

Leah Hadrava

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. In those days they shall no longer say: “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge.” But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt - a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson

Luke 18:1-8

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Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my opponent.’ For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’” And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

“Persistent Faith”

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***Middle Hymn**

“Rise Up (Lazarus)”

***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: We give you thanks, Creator of heaven and earth and all that is within them, for the gift of this day, this moment of worship, and your word which is engraved on our hearts. Receive and bless these gifts that we return to you, as a symbol of our dedication, that we, as your church, will be faithful in your work of love and joy. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #384 v. 1, 3, & 4 “Soon and Very Soon”

Charge and Blessing

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Announcements

Pumpkin Patch October 4 - 31 - Volunteers are still needed for our annual pumpkin patch. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

Security Training - If you are interested in learning more about security training, please see Wayne Barnes.

Church Office Closed October 23 - 24 - The church office will be closed this Thursday and Friday.

Fall Festival and Craft Fair October 25 - The Fall Festival will take place this 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! If you know someone who would like to participate as a vendor, 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!

Daylight Saving Time Ends November 2 - Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 2. Remember to turn your clocks back 1 hour before going to bed Saturday night.

Catalyst Praise Band November 2 - On Sunday, November 2, Catalyst, the praise band from Memorial Presbyterian Church will be leading our music during worship.

Bunko November 8 - The next Bunko night is scheduled for Saturday, November 8, 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 November 9 - The Big Red Bus will be in the parking lot hosting a blood drive on Sunday, November 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. To register in advance, visit OneBlood's website at <https://www.oneblood.org/donate-now> and use the sponsor code 31712. Donors will receive a \$20 eGift card and a wellness check.

Session Meeting November 9 - The Session will meet following worship on Sunday, November 9.

September 2025 Pledges

Actual Received\$8,329.70

Amount Pledged\$6,428.00

Difference+\$1,901.70

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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