



Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 5, 2025

World Communion Sunday and 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #267

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

***Call to Worship (based on Psalm 103)**

Worship Leader

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me,

People: Bless God’s Holy Name.

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

People: and do not forget God’s benefits, who forgives all our iniquity, who heals all our diseases,

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

People: who redeems our life, who crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

People: who satisfies us with good as long as we live, so that our youth is renewed like the eagle’s.

All: Bless the Lord.

A Time for Children

Dr. Yvan Kelly

(Children will go to Sunday School)

Gathering Prayer

Don Kent

Call to Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Prayer of Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

People: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. We look at a world torn by strife, torn by violence, separated by hatred. Yet you call us to walk the way of peace. Forgive us, O Lord, for refusing to follow you on this path because the cost is too high, the direction too confusing, the conditions too harsh. Forgive us our complacency. Grant us clarity of vision to see the light, and the strength to walk behind you. In the power of your Spirit, we pray.

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

Leader: By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,
People: to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Word

Old Testament Lesson

Lamentations 1:1-6, 3:19-26

Don Kent

How lonely sits the city
that once was full of people!
How like a widow she has become,
she that was great
among the nations!
She that was a princess
among the provinces
has become a vassal.
She weeps bitterly in the night,
with tears on her cheeks;
among all her lovers she has
no one to comfort her;
all her friends have dealt
treacherously with her,
they have become her enemies.
Judah has gone into exile with
suffering and hard servitude;
she lives now among the nations,
and finds no resting place;
her pursuers have all overtaken her
in the midst of her distress.
The roads to Zion mourn,
for no one comes to the festivals;
all her gates are desolate,
her priests groan;
her young girls grieve,
and her lot is bitter.
Her foes have become the masters,
her enemies prosper,
because the Lord has made
her suffer for the multitude
of her transgressions;

her children have gone away,
captives before the foe.
From daughter Zion has departed
all her majesty.
Her princes have become like stags
that find no pasture;
they fled without strength
before the pursuer.
The thought of my affliction
and my homelessness is
wormwood and gall!
My soul continually thinks of it
and is bowed down within me.
But this I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:
The steadfast love of the Lord
never ceases,
his mercies never come
to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
“The Lord is my portion,”
says my soul,
“therefore I will hope in him.”
The Lord is good to those
who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.
It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the Lord.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God - whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did - when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

“Guarding the Gift, Sharing the Table”

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Middle Hymn**

“Holy Spirit”

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: God of all resources, our assets are not as limited as we sometimes believe. Achieve the purposes you have for our earth and use all that you have given to our hands for your kingdom. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #839

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!”

Charge and Blessing

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Announcements

Pumpkin Patch October 4 - 31 - Volunteers are still 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 - Today, 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 today, 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 - Bunko night is celebrating a Halloween theme with snacks and dessert, costumes are encouraged but not mandatory. Bunko starts at 6:00 p.m. with a \$10 donation per person, which includes snacks and dessert. All ages can play as luck, not skill identifies the winner, but everyone is a winner by meeting a lot of fun people. The pumpkin patch is open until 6:00 p.m., and a food truck will be there. They will be selling BarBQue plates (brisket, ribs, or chicken). Come early and have dinner, and get your fall decor!

Session Meeting October 12 - The Session will meet on Sunday following worship.

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

Fall Festival and Craft Fair 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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