



Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 18, 2026
2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Dr. Yvan Kelly

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

*Opening Hymn

Glory to God Hymnal #708 v. 1, 2, & 4

“We Give Thee but Thine Own”

*Call to Worship

Worship Leader

Leader: God calls us here together - each of us, all of us, our whole selves.

People: We bring our questions, our longings, our hopes, our dreams, and our fears.

Leader: Jesus invites us to come and see where God is at work.

People: Across the street and across the globe, Jesus is present.

Leader: Within these walls and within our hearts, God is here.

All: Let us worship the God who reaches out in love and invites us to come and see!

A Time for Children

Dr. Yvan Kelly

(Children will go to Sunday School)

Gathering Prayer

Lynne Barnes

Call to Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Prayer of Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

People: Saving God, we confess that we often have not waited patiently for you. We have preferred to go our own way and to put our trust in idols, institutions, and our individual strength rather than trusting you. We confess that it is easier to bring you offerings, than offering our lives to you. We search for happiness in all the wrong places. We keep quiet about the ways we have experienced your love and presence, and we fail to invite others to come and see you, the source of life and love, at work all around us. Forgive us, God. Abide in us until your love is shared in our words and deeds.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: God inclines to us, rescues us, and sets us again on solid ground.

People: God has not withheld mercy from us.

Leader: Trust in the steadfast love and faithfulness of God.

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

Word

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 49:1-7

Lynne Barnes

Listen to me, O coastlands,
pay attention,
you peoples from far away!
The Lord called me
before I was born,
while I was in my mother's womb
he named me.
He made my mouth
like a sharp sword,
in the shadow of his hand
he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
in his quiver he hid me away.
And he said to me,
"You are my servant,
Israel, in whom
I will be glorified."
But I said, "I have labored in vain,
I have spent my strength
for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is
with the Lord,
and my reward with my God."
And now the Lord says,
who formed me in the womb
to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might
be gathered to him,

for I am honored in the sight
of the Lord,
and my God has become
my strength -
he says,
"It is too light a thing
that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light
to the nations,
that my salvation may reach
to the end of the earth."
Thus says the Lord,
the Redeemer of Israel
and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised,
abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
"Kings shall see and stand up, princes,
and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the Lord, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel,
who has chosen you."

Reader: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson

John 1:29-42

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The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

“What Are You Looking For?”

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***Middle Hymn**

“Still Waters”

***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: Holy God, we give you thanks and praise. Receive the gifts of our hearts and lives as a joyful response for your steadfast love. Use what you have given us to your glory in every place. Transform our gifts to become a beacon of hope, a word of life, and a healing for all of creation. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #321 v. 1, 2, & 5

“The Church’s One Foundation”

Charge and Blessing

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Announcements

Church Office Closed January 19 - The church office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, January 19, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Broken to Beautiful Support Group Meeting January 29 - Broken to Beautiful is a support group for grieving moms sponsored by the Schuylar Barnes Foundation. They will meet at Kirkwood on Thursday, January 29, at 6:00 p.m. To learn more about the Schuylar Barnes Foundation, visit <https://www.theschuylarbarnesfoundation.org>.

Presbyterian Women Gathering January 31 - The 42nd annual gathering of the Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of St. Augustine will take place on Saturday, January 31, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Montgomery Conference Center. For more information and to register for this event, visit <https://www.staugpres.org/presbyterian-women>.

Bunko February 14 - The next Bunko night is scheduled for Saturday, February 14, at 6:00 p.m. No experience is required, and it's fun for all ages. A \$10.00 donation is asked from each person and includes dessert.

Church Office Closed February 16 - The church office will be closed on Monday, February 16, in observance of Presidents' Day.

Ash Wednesday Service January 18 - Our traditional Ash Wednesday service will be held on Wednesday, February 18, at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

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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