



Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 25, 2026

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn**

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

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

***Call to Worship** (from Psalm 27:1)

Worship Leader

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Leader: We gather in the presence of God.

All: Let us open our hearts and minds in worship.

A Time for Children

Dr. Yvan Kelly

(Children will go to Sunday School)

Gathering Prayer

Yvette Grant

Call to Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Prayer of Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

People: Gracious God, when despair and suffering overwhelm us, we cry out for you when we feel abandoned. We doubt your presence and your promises. We believe you have turned away from us in anger. We ask why you have forsaken us. In these moments, strengthen us in faith and fill our hearts with courage. We believe, God. Help our unbelief.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

People: His forgiveness includes us.

Leader: Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

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

*please stand

Word

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 9:1-4

Yvette Grant

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land
of deep darkness -
on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson

Matthew 4:12-23

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles -
the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea - for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

“When Faith Means Letting Go”

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Middle Hymn**

“Come Jesus Come”

***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 present these offerings to you in faith. We trust that you will bless and use them to further Christ’s ministry and serve those in need. May these gifts bless those we know who are suffering and those known only to you. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal # 306 V. 1, 3 & 5

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

Charge and Blessing

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Announcements

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

Potluck and Movie Night February 6 - On Friday, February 6, at 6:00 p.m., we will have a potluck and movie night. Dinner will start at 6:00 p.m., and the movie will start at 6:30 p.m. The movie is Ring the Bell. It's a Christian movie about a baseball agent trying to talk a prospect out of going to college and going to the pros instead. Click [here](#) for the trailer.

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

Updated Ministry Teams - An updated list of ministry teams and their responsibilities is available on the table in the narthex and in the newsletter.

Support The Flagler College Basketball Team - The Flagler College Basketball Team helped with unloading our pumpkins at our previous Pumpkin Patches. It would be nice if a bunch of us could go and support them as they have supported us in the past. Saturday home games are at 3:30 p.m. and Wednesday night games are at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are purchased at the door. General admission tickets are \$10.00. Below are the remaining home games:

Saturdays - January 31 and February 28

Wednesdays - February 4, February 18, and February 25

If you are interested in going together as a group, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. If you have any questions, please see Lois Morse.

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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