



Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 4, 2026

Communion Sunday and 2nd Sunday of Christmas

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #37 “Let All Things Now Living”

***Call to Worship**

Worship Leader

Leader: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;

People: Give praise, and say, “Save, O Lord, your people.”

Leader: They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion; They shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again.

People: With expectation and joy as we begin a new year,

All: let us worship the living God!

A Time for Children

Dr. Yvan Kelly

(Children will go to Sunday School)

Gathering Prayer

Teresa Greenawalt

Call to Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Prayer of Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

People: We cry out: “Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel,” for we are a people in need of saving. You promise to gather your people, but we confess that we want to put limitations on who is saved. We want you to save those we define as strong and beautiful and wise; You call the blind and the lame, the children and those in labor. Forgive us, O Holy God, for our narrow vision. Forgive us for our lack of faith. Forgive us for doubting your promise and declining your invitation. By your Spirit, renew us. Turn our mourning into joy and our sorrow into gladness that we might return to you and your way.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: God chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.

People: According to the riches of Christ’s grace, we are redeemed.

Leader: Hear and believe this good news:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

Word

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Teresa Greenawalt

For thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
raise shouts for the chief
of the nations;

proclaim, give praise, and say,
“Save, O Lord, your people,
the remnant of Israel.”

See, I am going to bring them
from the land of the north,
and gather them from the
farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and
those in labor, together;

a great company,
they shall return here.
With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations

I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by
brooks of water,
in a straight path in which
they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands
far away;

say, “He who scattered Israel
will gather him,
and will keep him as
a shepherd a flock.”

For the Lord has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from
hands too strong for him.

They shall come and sing aloud
on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over
the goodness of the Lord,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock
and the herd;

their life shall become
like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.

Then shall the young women
rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old
shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them,
and give them gladness for sorrow.
I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied
with my bounty, says the Lord.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson

Ephesians 1:3-14

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things

on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

“Grace from the Beginning”

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Middle Hymn**

“The Table”

Installation and Ordination of Session Elders

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 you thanks, O God, for the many blessings that you have bestowed upon us. As you have chosen us for a purpose, may the gifts we bring be a symbol of our dedication to you. Bless our tithes, gifts, and offerings. Bless us that we might be ever more faithful in your work of reconciliation, love, and joy. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #12 v. 1, 2, & 4

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Charge and Blessing

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Announcements

Session Members Installation and Ordination January 4 - The following members were elected to the Class of 2028 Session: Mike Brodersen, Kathy Foresi, and Lois Morse. Michael Eicholtz is fulfilling a term vacated in the class of 2026. Installation and ordination of these members will take place today during worship.

Bunko January 10 - The next Bunko night is scheduled for this Saturday, January 10, 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.

OneBlood Blood Drive January 11 - On Sunday, January 11, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., the Big Red Bus will be in the parking lot holding a blood drive. All donors will receive a \$20 eGift card, a long-sleeved T-shirt, and a wellness check-up. Sign up in advance at <https://www.oneblood.org/donate-now> and use sponsor code 31712.

Guest Preacher January 11 - On Sunday, January 11, Rev. Amy Camp will be our guest preacher. Amy has previously preached at Kirkwood. She is a Parish Associate at Memorial Presbyterian in St. Augustine.

Session Retreat January 17 - The Session will meet on Saturday, January 17, at 10:00 a.m. at 10151 Deerwood Park Blvd, Building 300, Suite 235, Jacksonville, 32256, for the Session Retreat.

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

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>.

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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