



Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, February 22, 2026

1st Sunday in Lent

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn**

“You Never Let Go”

***Call to Worship (based on Psalm 32)**

Worship Leader

Leader: The steadfast love of God surrounds us always,

People: even in the wilderness!

Leader: As we enter this time of Lenten reflection, let us be thankful.

People: Thanks be to God! Let us be glad and worship!

A Time for Children

Fran McCormick

(Children will go to Sunday School)

Gathering Prayer

Fran McCormick

Call to Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Prayer of Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

People: Merciful God, you know all about our troubles. Your Son was tested in the wilderness, tempted by the powers of the age. We confess how easily and often we give in to them. Yet, you continue to forgive us, reminding us there is nothing we can do to lose your love. Holy God, turn us from the evil powers, that we may return to you and the path to which you have called us. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: Hear and receive the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we have been forgiven!

Leader: Know this and be at peace.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*please stand

Word

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Fran McCormick

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson

Matthew 4:1-11

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But he answered, “It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message	“When the Desert Comes”	Dr. Yvan Kelly
*Middle Hymn		“Take My Life”
*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 **“You Are My All in All”**

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication** **Fran McCormick**

People: Take these, our gifts, as we offer them today, O God. Use them for your glory and kingdom’s expansion. May these gifts go toward freeing the captives, feeding the hungry, comforting the lonely, and healing the world. As Christ’s body, use us too, in service to repair the broken places in our families and community. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Hymn** **“Your Grace Is Enough”**

Charge and Blessing **Dr. Yvan Kelly**

Announcements

Catalyst Praise Band February 22 - Today, we welcome Catalyst Praise Band from Memorial Presbyterian Church to lead us in music.

Daylight Saving Time Begins March 8 - Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 8, at 2:00 a.m. Be sure to “spring forward” and turn your clocks ahead 1 hour before going to sleep Saturday, March 7.

OneBlood Blood Drive March 8 - On Sunday, March 8, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., the Big Red Bus will be in the parking lot holding a blood drive. Each donor will receive a \$20 eGift Card and a wellness check. To register in advance, visit www.oneblood.org/donate-now and use sponsor code 31712.

Bunko March 14 - The next Bunko night is scheduled for Saturday, March 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.

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:

Wednesday, February 25 at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 28 at 3:30 p.m.

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.

One Great Hour of Sharing February 18 - April 5 - Join with Presbyterians worldwide in responding to Christ’s call to ministries of compassion for the most vulnerable around the world. Use the special envelopes in the friendship pads to give to this offering. To teach children about giving to this special offering, use the Sharing Calendar for Lent that is on the table near the fish coin banks. There are also coloring sheets on the table. Flyers containing more information about One Great Hour of Sharing can be found on the table in the back of the sanctuary. You can also visit pcusa.org/special-offerings/one-great-hour-sharing to learn more.

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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