



Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, February 8, 2026

5th Sunday after Epiphany

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #14 v. 1, 3, & 4

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

***Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 112)

Worship Leader

Leader: People of God, praise the Lord!

People: Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, those who greatly delight in his commandments.

Leader: Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

People: Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

Leader: We who gather are broken yet holy; sinners at heart, yet fully redeemed. We are God’s very own, called together here this day.

All: Let us sing. Let us pray. Let us join together in worship. Praise the Lord.

A Time for Children

Dr. Yvan Kelly

(Children will go to Sunday School)

Gathering Prayer

Fran McCormick

Call to Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Prayer of Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

People: Gracious God, we confess that the life of faith is harder to do than we expected. You call us to be the salt of the earth and to live lives of justice and righteousness and love. But our lives become busy.

*please stand

Following what others do is just easier. And sometimes the cost for doing what is right seems too high. One day, perhaps, we will commit more fully, but the status quo works better for us right now.

Forgive us, we pray. Renew in us the passion for doing what is right, and inspire us to be reflections of your light in the world. May we, like the prophets and the saints, act by faith no matter how high the cost.

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

Assurance of Pardon (from Isaiah 58)

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

People: Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the poor into your house; to not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Leader: Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

People: Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, 'Here I am.'"

Leader: We are blessed to know that very light which breaks forth. We know God's love and grace through Jesus Christ.

All: Through Christ, our sins are forgiven, and we know new life. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Word

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 58:1-9a

Fran McCormick

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.

"Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson

Matthew 5:13-20

Dr. Yvan Kelly

“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

“Light for the Living”

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Middle Hymn**

“Won’t Start Now”

***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

Fran McCormick

People: Accept these, our gifts, almighty God, as a statement of our faith. May our offering bring goodness and light wherever it is needed. May our communities of faith be bearers of your light. And may we be reflections of that same light to the world in all we say and do. Amen.

Sending

*Closing Hymn

Glory to God Hymnal #450 v. 1, 2, & 4 "Be Thou My Vision"

Charge and Blessing

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Announcements

Session Meeting February 8 - The Session will meet after worship today.

Broken to Beautiful Support Group Meeting February 12 - The Broken to Beautiful Support Group will meet this Thursday, February 12, at 6:00 p.m. More information is in tomorrow's newsletter.

Bunko February 14 - The next Bunko night is scheduled for this 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.

Ash Wednesday Service February 18 - On Wednesday, February 18, please plan on attending the Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

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. Teach children about giving to this offering by using the coin fish on the offering table.

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:

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

Wednesdays - February 18 and February 25 at 7:30 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.

OneBlood Blood Drive March 8 - On Sunday, March 8, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 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.

January 2026

Actual Received	\$ 6,507.80
Amount Pledged	\$ 7,425.83
Difference	-\$ 918.03

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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