



**Kirkwood Presbyterian Church**  
Sunday, March 1, 2026  
Communion Sunday and 2nd Sunday in Lent

**Gathering**

**Welcome and Ministry Announcements**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

**\*Opening Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #35

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

**\*Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 12)

Worship Leader

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills -

**People: from where will my help come?**

Leader: My help comes from the Lord,

**People: who made heaven and earth.**

**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, as we wander through the wilderness this Lent, we are aware of our need for your presence, your love, your guidance on life’s journey. Forgive us for turning away from you. Forgive our doubt and uncertainty that led us to place our faith in worldly comforts that don’t last. We come to your well this Lent, desperate and thirsty for Christ’s living water. Quench our thirst, we pray. Grant us your forgiveness and your grace.**

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

**Assurance of Pardon**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world,

**People: but in order that the world might be saved through him.”**

Leader: Know that you are forgiven in Jesus Christ, and be at peace.

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## Word

### Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 12:1-4a

Fran McCormick

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### New Testament Lesson

John 3:1-17

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Message**

“What is Killing You Now?”

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**\*Middle Hymn**

“The Table”

**Receiving of New Members**

## **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: God of grace, you provide for all our needs. Accept these offerings as signs of our gratitude and bless them to further Christ’s ministry and mission among the poor and those in need. Amen.**

### **Sending**

**\*Closing Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #2 v. 1, 3, & 4

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

**Charge and Blessing**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

## Announcements

**Welcome New Members** - This morning, Kirkwood welcomes Vine and Bonnie Ciardelli, who are joining by reaffirmation of faith. Please welcome these newest members of our congregation.

**Candy Collection for Breakfast with the Easter Bunny** - We are collecting individually wrapped candy for the Breakfast with the Easter Bunny event. If you would like to donate candy, please bring it in and place it in the office.

**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 11:00 a.m., the Big Red Bus will be in the parking lot holding a blood drive. Each donor will receive a \$20 eGift Card, a St. Patrick’s Day t-shirt, and a wellness check. To register in advance, visit [www.oneblood.org/donate-now](http://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.

**Session Meeting March 15** - The Session will meet after worship on Sunday, March 15.

**Church Clean-up March 21** - Saturday, March 21, is church cleanup day to prepare the grounds for Easter. Be at the church by 8:00 a.m. with rakes, shovels, and trash bags. Trimming tools are also helpful for cleaning the memorial garden and other flower beds.

**Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and Egg Hunt March 28** - Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 28. Breakfast is from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., pictures with the Easter Bunny are from 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., and the Easter egg hunt is promptly at 10:30 a.m. A registration form can be found on the table in the narthex and in tomorrow’s newsletter. Be sure to bring your own basket for the egg hunt.

**One Great Hour of Sharing February 18 - April 5** - Join with Presbyterians worldwide in responding to Christ’s call to ministries of compassion. Use the special envelopes in the friendship pads to give to this offering. To teach children about giving to this special offering, use the items 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](http://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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