



Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 12, 2026
2nd Sunday after Easter

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn**

“At the Cross (Love Ran Red)”

***Call to Worship**

Worship Leader

Leader: Great is the mystery of the faith:

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Leader: Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

People: The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

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: Eternal God, your Word teaches us that whether we live or whether we die, we are yours. Forgive us for forgetting your promise of life. We live in fear, thinking death has the final say. We follow our own ways rather than the life-giving path in Jesus Christ. Help us put our trust in you, our God who has the power of life over death. We believe, Lord; help our unbelief. In the name of Jesus Christ, risen from the dead never to die again, we pray.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: The scriptures teach: “If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

People: We confess that Jesus is Lord and we believe and celebrate the good news that God raised him from the dead.

*please stand

Leader: Trust in this promise: In Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Word

First Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

Fran McCormick

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith - being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire - may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

Yvan Kelly

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message "Stepping Out from the Storm" Yvan Kelly
***Middle Hymn** Glory to God Hymnal # 384 "Soon and Very Soon"
***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: Gracious and loving God, we bring our tithes and offerings to you in celebration and thanksgiving for the good news of Easter. Give us your wisdom and grace to use what you have given us for love and compassion that will share the love of Jesus Christ. Accept what we give in response to what you have freely given to us, the indescribable gift of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Hymn**

"Death Was Arrested"

Charge and Blessing

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Announcements



New Worship Service Sign-in Procedure - You now have a new way to sign in on Sunday mornings. On the front corner of each black pew folder and to the right, there is a QR code. When you scan this QR code with your smartphone, it will take you to the church's website, where you can sign in on Sunday mornings, give online, and more. Eventually, we will discontinue the paper pad and use the QR code only. If you have any questions or are having trouble signing in with your smartphone, please talk to Michael Eicholtz.

Session Meeting April 12 - The Session will meet after worship today.

Presbyterian Women's Yard Sale April 25 - Mark your calendars and start going through your closets for donations for the Presbyterian Women's Yard Sale on Saturday, April 25. Volunteers are needed to work this event. More information will be coming soon.

Bunko May 9 - The next Bunko night is scheduled for Saturday, May 9, 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.

Broken to Beautiful Support Group Meeting May 14 - The Broken to Beautiful Support Group will meet on Thursday, May 14, at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

OneBlood Blood Drive May 17 - On Sunday, May 17, the Big Red Bus will be in the parking lot holding a blood drive from 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. To register in advance, please visit <https://www.oneblood.org/donate-now> and use sponsor code 31712. Each donor will receive a \$20 e-gift card, a sunshade, and a wellness check.

Potluck Luncheon May 17 - After worship on Sunday, May 17, there will be a potluck luncheon. Please bring a dish to share if you plan on attending.

Financial Giving - You may place your offering in the offering plate, drop off a check at the office, mail it, or use our online giving portal, which can be accessed [here](#) or by scanning the QR code at the top of this page.

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