



## **Kirkwood Presbyterian Church**

Sunday, May 31, 2026

Trinity Sunday

### **Gathering**

**Welcome and Ministry Announcements**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

**\*Opening Hymn**

“God’s Not Dead (Like a Lion)”

**\*Call to Worship**

Worship Leader

Leader: Our gracious God has created us and called us his own.

**People: Let us worship the triune God.**

Leader: Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, has redeemed our lives.

**People: Let us worship the triune God.**

Leader: The Holy Spirit sustains and guides us all the days of our lives.

**All: In gratitude and joy, let us worship the triune God!**

**A Time for Children**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

(Children will go to Sunday School)

**Gathering Prayer**

Cedrick Grant

**Call to Confession**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**Prayer of Confession**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**People: Heavenly Father, look deep into us and see us as we really are. We are a people who prefer our will to your will. We focus on things for ourselves and give little thought about care for others. We wander through our days giving little thought to our own discipleship or our call to help others become disciples. Forgive us, God of grace, and set us again on the path of your righteousness.**

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

**Assurance of Pardon**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: Hear the Good News!

**People: While it is true that we have sinned, it is a greater truth that in the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

Leader: Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

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

\*please stand

## Word

### **First Reading**

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Cedrick Grant

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights - the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night - and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Reading**

Matthew 28:16-20

Yvan Kelly

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **Message**

“Go Anyway”

Yvan Kelly

### **\*Middle Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #291

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness  
*Spirit*”

**\*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: Holy God, all that we have and all that we are is a gift from you. We dedicate the gifts given today to your work of making disciples in this time and place. Amen.**

**Sending**

**\*Closing Hymn**

**"How Great Is Our God"**

**Charge and Blessing**

**Dr. Yvan Kelly**

## Announcements

**Encourage a Student New to the U.S.A.** - Orange Park Presbyterian is organizing financing for a field trip to Camp Montgomery on July 16 for immigrant and refugee youth. \$50.00 sponsors one camper at Camp Montgomery for a day of fun and meals. If you would like to sponsor a child, please mark "International Summer Academy" on your offering envelope. Checks may be made payable to Kirkwood Presbyterian Church. Monies are due by July 1.

**VBS Registration Forms Available Now** - VBS registration forms are available from the church website under Ministries - Rainforest Falls VBS and on the table in the narthex. The dates for VBS are June 24, 25, and 26 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Space is limited, so get your registration form along with your \$10.00 fee turned in to the church office soon.

**Movie Night June 6** - This Saturday, June 6, at 6:00 p.m., we will be showing *The Shack*, which is rated PG-13. This is a movie for ages 12 and up. Bring your own snacks and chairs, and get ready for a heart-warming movie.

**Bunko June 13** - The next Bunko night is scheduled for Saturday, June 13, 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 June 14** - The Session will meet on Sunday, June 14, after worship.

**Broken to Beautiful Support Group Meeting June 18** - The Broken to Beautiful Support Group will meet on Thursday, June 18, not June 11, at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

**First Coast Women's Services Baby Bottle Campaign Ends June 21** - Support the life-saving work of First Coast Women's Services by taking an empty bottle home and bringing it back full of coins, cash, and checks! Bottles are available today on the table in the narthex. They are due back on Father's Day, June 21. When you fill the baby bottles, FCWS is able to meet the increasing needs of families facing unplanned pregnancies in our community with these funds. If writing a check, please make the check payable to **First Coast Women's Services**.

**Sign-in and Financial Giving** - To sign in, scan the QR code. You may also donate by scanning the QR code, placing your offering in the offering plate, dropping off a check at the office, mailing it, or using our online giving portal, which can be accessed here.



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