



## Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, June 21, 2026

4th Sunday after Pentecost

### Gathering

- Welcome and Ministry Announcements** Dr. Yvan Kelly
- \*Sharing the Peace of Christ**
- \*Opening Hymn** “Chain Breaker”
- \*Call to Worship** (from Matthew 10) Worship Leader
- Leader: Not one sparrow will fall to the ground apart from their Creator.  
**People: God tells us we are of more value than many sparrows.**  
Leader: God knows us and loves us.  
**People: Even the hairs of our head are all counted.**  
**All: We praise you, O God! Grateful are we for your love and care!**
- A Time for Children** Dr. Yvan Kelly  
(Children will go to Sunday School)
- Gathering Prayer** Omega Ruth
- Call to Confession** Dr. Yvan Kelly
- Prayer of Confession** Dr. Yvan Kelly
- People: You send us, God of the Great Commission, but we delay and hesitate. Forgive our fear and our excuses. We are witnesses of your grace and glory, but allow others to silence our praise. We limit ourselves with doubt and shame and fail to shine your light for all to see. Forgive our fears. Help us be your faithful disciples.**
- Leader: Please continue in silent confession....Amen.
- Assurance of Pardon** Dr. Yvan Kelly
- Leader: Through Christ’s death and resurrection, we are a new creation,  
**People: ready to sing God’s glory and testify to God’s grace.**  
Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed.  
**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.**

### Word

- Old Testament Reading** Genesis 21:8-21 Omega Ruth
- The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to

\*please stand

Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, “Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.” The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, “Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.” So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, “Do not let me look on the death of the child.” And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, “What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.” Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Reader: The word of the Lord.      **People: Thanks be to God.**

**New Testament Reading**

Matthew 10:24-39

Dr. Yvan Kelly

“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of

me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

Reader: The word of the Lord.      **People: Thanks be to God.**

**Message**      “When It Gets Complicated”      Dr. Yvan Kelly

**\*Middle Hymn**      Glory to God Hymnal #372      “O for a World”

**Receiving a New Member**

**\*Affirmation of Faith**      Apostles’ Creed

<b>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</b>	<b>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.</b>
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### **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: Take our hearts, our hands, our gifts, Holy God. Mold us, shape us, send us, so that we might be your body in the world you so love. Amen.**

### **Sending**

**\*Closing Hymn**      “Above All”

**Charge and Blessing**      Dr. Yvan Kelly

## Announcements

**Welcome New Member** - This morning, Kirkwood welcomes Kristina Eicholtz, who is joining by Baptism and Reaffirmation of Faith. Kristina is Michael Eicholtz's mother. Please welcome this newest member of our congregation.

**Space Still Available for VBS** - There is still space available for the children in your life to attend VBS later this week. 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. Turn your registration form along with your \$10.00 fee into the church office as soon as possible.

**International Summer Academy Monies Due Today** - Today is the final day to turn in your \$50.00 to sponsor a camper at Camp Montgomery. Please make your check payable to Kirkwood and mark "International Summer Academy" on your offering envelope.

**First Coast Women's Services Baby Bottle Campaign Ends Today** - Baby Bottles are due back today. If you are writing a check, please make the check payable to **First Coast Women's Services**.

**Church Office Closed** - The church office will be closed from June 26 to July 3.

**Bunko July 11** - The next Bunko night will be held on Saturday, July 11, 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. Prizes are awarded at the end of the evening.

**OneBlood Blood Drive July 12** - On Sunday, July 12, the Big Red Bus will be in the parking lot holding a blood drive from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. To register in advance, please click [here](#) and use sponsor code 31712. Each donor will receive a \$20 e-gift card and a wellness check.

**Session Meeting July 12** - The Session will meet on Sunday, July 12, after worship.

**Tickets for the Comedy Show and Dinner August 29** - Tickets are on sale today for the dinner and comedy show on Saturday, August 29. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m., and the comedy show starring DeAndre Stringer is at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$30 per person. Seating is limited, so buy your tickets today. Sign-up sheets for food preparers and servers are in the narthex.

### **May 2026 Pledges**

Actual Received \$ 8,379.55  
Amount Pledged \$ 7,425.83  
Difference +\$ 953.72

**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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