



Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, July 19, 2026

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn**

“House of the Lord”

***Call to Worship**

Worship Leader

Leader: Surely the Lord is in this place, and we did not know it.

People: We do not know when and where God’s glorious presence will show up.

Leader: Surely we are the Body of Christ.

People: We cannot say to one another, “I have no need of you.”

All: Surely our God is a mystery that cannot be contained. Let us worship our God!

A Time for Children

Dr. Yvan Kelly

(Children will go to Sunday School)

Gathering Prayer

Leah Hadrava

Call to Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Prayer of Confession

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People: Lord, you have searched us and found us wanting. You have known our thoughts and called us to better things. You have set us in this world to love and serve you by loving and serving one another, to worship you by tending to those among us. When we fail, do not abandon us. When we go astray, call us back home. Search us O God, and know our hearts. Root out the wicked ways in us, and lead us in the way everlasting.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: Where can we go from God’s spirit, or where can we flee from God’s presence?

People: Even if we take the wings of the morning or settle at the farthest limits of the sea, God will find us and hold us.

*please stand

Leader: Proclaim the good news with me: Our God does not abandon us to sin or brokenness.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and called back home. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Word

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 28:10-19a

Leah Hadrava

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place - and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel;

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The

Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

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

Message "Wheat, Weeds, and Welcome" Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Middle Hymn** Glory to God Hymnal #370 "This Is My Father's World"

Receiving a New Member

***Affirmation of Faith** (from the Second Helvetic Confession)

The Church is an assembly of the faithful, called or gathered out of the world. They are all citizens of the one city, Living under the same Lord, Under the same laws, And in the same fellowship with all good things. Those who are in the Church have one faith and one spirit; They worship but one God, and in God alone they worship in spirit and truth. Hence, we must be very careful not to judge before the time, nor undertake to exclude, reject, or cut off those whom the Lord does not want to have excluded or rejected, and those whom we cannot eliminate without loss to the Church.

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 God, you have sown good seed among us. Receive now the harvest of what you have planted, the good gifts of our lives, time and resources, to further your kingdom of heaven. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Hymn** "Open Up the Heavens"

Charge and Blessing Dr. Yvan Kelly

Announcements

Welcome Back - This morning Kirkwood welcomes back Donna Norris. Donna is rejoining Kirkwood through a Reaffirmation of Faith. Welcome back, Donna!

Bunko August 8 - The next Bunko night will be held on Saturday, August 8, 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.

Blessing of the Backpacks August 9 - On Sunday, August 9, let's send our students and teachers back to school with our prayers and blessings! Students and teachers, please bring your backpacks and briefcases to church for a time of prayer and blessings during worship on August 9.

Session Meeting August 9 - The Session will meet after worship on Sunday, August 9.

Presbyterian Women's Dinner August 10 - On Monday, August 10, all women are invited to attend the Presbyterian Women's Dinner at 6:00 p.m. at Olive Garden, 6050 Youngerman Circle, Jacksonville, 32244. If you plan on attending, please sign up on the sheet on the table in the Narthex.

Broken to Beautiful Support Group Meeting August 13 - The Broken to Beautiful Support Group will meet on Thursday, August 13, at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Dinner and Comedy Show August 29 - DeAndre Stringer will be returning to Kirkwood Presbyterian Church on Saturday, August 29. The evening will start at 6:00 p.m. with a family-style spaghetti and meatball dinner (salad, rolls, dessert, and drinks all included). DeAndre's comedy show starts at 7:00 p.m. Tickets for the dinner and comedy show are on sale now. See Deborah Ruth to purchase a ticket. Seating is limited, so purchase your tickets soon. The cost is \$30.00 per person (adult or child).

Be Hurricane Season Savvy - The Florida Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Network's (FLAPDAN) mission is to support Florida communities through disaster preparedness, response, and recovery by working in partnership with churches and community, government, and faith-based organizations. Click [here](#) to see FLAPDAN's hurricane preparedness tips or visit www.flapdan.org. A flyer is available on the table in the narthex.

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