



Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 30, 2026
14th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn**

“Ancient of Days”

***Call to Worship**

Worship Leader

Leader: Seek the Lord! Seek God in the wilderness.

People: Seek God in the sanctuary.

Leader: Seek God in the burning bush.

People: Seek God in the burning heart.

Leader: The Lord is here! This place is holy!

All: We are standing on holy ground.

A Time for Children

Dr. Yvan Kelly

(Children will go to Sunday School)

Gathering Prayer

David Christian

Call to Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Prayer of Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

People: God of wonders, we confess that we do not understand why you call us when we are scared, clumsy, busy, or flawed. We confess that we think we know better than you do who is qualified to do your work. Forgive our fears and excuses and self-doubts. Lend us your fire and your strength, as we go about the work of serving our neighbors, building up your church, and loving your children. Help us to burn for you, without burning up or burning out. Give us a purpose and the courage to pursue it. We ask this in Jesus' name.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: Hear the good news! New life rises from the ashes.

People: In Christ, our sins are dead, and we are alive to all that is good.

Leader: In Christ, we are made whole.

All: In Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

*please stand

Word

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 3:1-15

David Christian

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Romans 12:9-21

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone

evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

Message

“A Bush That Didn’t Burn Out”

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Middle Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #385 v. 1, 2, & 4

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

***Affirmation of Faith** (from The Confession of 1967)

God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of our minds. We believe that God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of God’s dealings with humankind. In its beauty and vastness, transcendence and awe-fulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator. We believe that God has created us for a personal relationship in which we may respond to the love of the Creator. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. 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: Generous God, we offer our gifts to you, grateful for all you have given us, and grateful for the chance to give to others. Build up your church through these offerings, that we might be a place where your goodness is seen, practiced, and shared. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Hymn**

“God’s Not Dead”

Charge and Blessing

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Announcements

City of Jacksonville Public Works Meeting Moved - This Thursday, September 3, at 6:00 p.m., the City of Jacksonville Public Works Department will hold a community meeting at **Hillcrest Baptist Church**, 7673 Collins Road, Jacksonville, 32244, regarding the Old Middleburg Road Phase 2A Pre-Construction work.

New Member Class September 6 - There will be a new member class on Sunday, September 6 at 9:00 a.m. in the youth portable. The new member class will be received by the Session and in worship on September 13.

Broken to Beautiful Support Group Meeting September 10 - The Broken to Beautiful Support Group will meet on Thursday, September 10, at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Bunko September 12 - The next Bunko night will be held on Saturday, September 12, 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.

Blood Drive September 13 - On Sunday, September 13, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., the Big Red Bus will be in the parking lot hosting a blood drive. All who donate will receive a \$20.00 eGift card and a wellness check. Visit <https://www.oneblood.org/donate-now> and use sponsor code 31712 to register in advance.

Wills and Gifts Sunday September 13 - On Sunday, September 13, Rev. Dana Walters from the Presbyterian Foundation will be preaching. He is coming from Savannah and will answer questions and lead a discussion about wills and gifts during a lunch provided by the church. Everyone is invited to attend this lunch and learn more about wills and gifts.

Session Meeting September 20 - The Session will meet after worship on Sunday, September 20.

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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