



Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 9, 2026

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn**

“Let Everything That Has Breath (Praise)”

***Call to Worship (from 1 Kings)**

Worship Leader

Leader: Upon Mount Horeb, Elijah heard the voice of God,

People: not in the wind, or the earthquake, or the fire, but in the sound of sheer silence.

Leader: Holy God, quiet our minds and our hearts, rid us of distraction,

People: so we can hear you and know you among us.

A Time for Children

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Blessing of the Backpacks

(Children will go to Sunday School)

Gathering Prayer

Frances Collins

Call to Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Prayer of Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

People: God, our refuge, you hear our cries for mercy. You know our exhaustion, our cynicism, our sense of defeat. You lift up the lowly and give hope to the hopeless. But we are quick to lose perspective. We confess we have ways where we are tempted to give up on the path of righteousness. We pray for your forgiveness.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: The book of Isaiah reminds us, “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

People: I have called you by name, you are mine.”

Leader: We give thanks as we claim this promise.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.

*please stand

Word

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Frances Collins

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" - that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Matthew 14:22-33

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

"Stepping Out of the Boat"

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Middle Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #295 v. 1, 2, & 4

"Go to the World!"

***Affirmation of Faith** (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

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, the gifts we offer reflect only a portion of all that you have given us. Take these offerings, we pray, and multiply them for your use. May our offerings be a blessing to those most in need. May our offerings be given in a spirit of generosity and the desire to share. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Hymn**

“Always”

Charge and Blessing

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Announcements

Blessing of the Backpacks August 9 - Today during worship, we will ask all students and teachers to come forward with their backpacks and briefcases for a time of prayer and blessings.

Session Meeting August 9 - The Session will meet after worship today.

Presbyterian Women's Dinner August 10 - Tomorrow, 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 this Thursday, August 13, at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Help Moving Pews August 16 - After worship next Sunday, August 16, Mike and Shawn will need help moving the pews for voting. If you can help out, please stay after worship on August 16. Don't forget to vote early or on election day, Tuesday, August 18!

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 Comedy/Dinner show are on sale. 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.

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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