



Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 20, 2026

17th 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 (from Psalm 145)**

Worship Leader

Leader: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised

People: God’s greatness is unsearchable.

Leader: From generation to generation, we sing of your righteousness.

People: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

A Time for Children

Dr. Yvan Kelly

(Children will go to Sunday School)

Gathering Prayer

Mike Brodersen

Call to Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Prayer of Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

People: Almighty God, we allow our anger and frustration to cut us off from others. Yet you sit next to us and call us back to your way of mercy, love, and redemption. It is one thing to accept these gifts for ourselves; it is another to extend them to those who frustrate us. Forgive our anger and resentment. We lay these impulses at your feet and ask that you create a new heart within us, one that follows your steadfast love and generosity. Help us to see the world in new ways.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

People: The old has gone; a new life has begun.

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.

*please stand

Word

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 16:2-15

Mike Brodersen

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him - what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Philippians 1:21-30

Dr. Yvan Kelly

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no

way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well - since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

Message

“What Are You Looking At?”

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Middle Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #450 v. 1, 3, & 4

“Be Thou My Vision”

***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: Almighty God, we offer these gifts and our hearts to you. May they be blessed to do your will. May our expectations of what is right and what is wise always be governed by your love. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Hymn**

“Open Up the Heavens”

Charge and Blessing

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Announcements

Session Meeting September 20 - The Session will meet today after worship.

The Pumpkins 🍁 Are Coming - On Friday, September 25, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., and Saturday, September 26, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., we will set up for the pumpkin patch. If you can't come both days, one is enough.

The pumpkins will be delivered on Friday, October 2, at 3:30 p.m. We will need volunteers to help unload the truck. Wheelbarrows and wagons are encouraged. Volunteer sign-up sheets for unloading the pumpkins and working in the Pumpkin Patch are on the table in the narthex. If you can't unload the pumpkins but are crafty, you can still help decorate. Questions or ideas? Call Shawn Brecht at 904.718.3128, Lois Morse at 904.386.6305, or Greg Miller at 904.422.3184.

World Communion Offering September 6 - October 4 - This special offering works to ensure all God's people flourish through ministries working for racial justice, gender justice, peacemaking, global witness, and ecumenical and interfaith relations. Please use the special offering envelopes provided in the friendship pads and on the table in the back of the sanctuary or contribute online under Special Offerings.

Church Office Closed October 5-9 - The church office will be closed Monday, October 5 to Friday, October 9. The office will reopen on Monday, October 12.

Broken to Beautiful Support Group Meeting October 8 - The Broken to Beautiful Support Group will meet on Thursday, October 8, at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Bunko October 10 - The next Bunko night will be held on Saturday, October 10, 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.

August 2026 Pledges

Actual Received	\$ 10,040.38
Amount Pledged	\$ 7,425.83
Difference	+\$ 2,614.55

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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