



Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 27, 2026

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn**

“Who You Say I Am”

***Call to Worship**

Worship Leader

Leader: Why do you come to this place?

People: We seek the path of righteousness and truth.

Leader: Do you come ready to hear and learn from God’s Word?

People: We come with open hearts and minds seeking to learn from the authority founded on God’s love.

Leader: Lend your ears and open your hearts because this is God’s house, built by love and sustained by hope.

A Time for Children

Dr. Yvan Kelly

(Children will go to Sunday School)

Gathering Prayer

Lisa Christian

Call to Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Prayer of Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

People: Eternal God, we come before you aware that you know the truth of our hearts before we say a word. You know when our good intentions don’t equal good living. We limit ourselves with the assumption that you will judge us as mercilessly as we often judge ourselves and one another. Forgive our shortcomings, and the times we have failed to live the words we say. Restore us as people who have heard good news.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: Friends, believe this good news, in Christ we are new creations.

People: We are forgiven; we are set free;

Leader: we are made ready to live the living Word.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Amen.

*please stand

Word

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

Lisa Christian

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Philippians 2:1-13

Dr. Yvan Kelly

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God

as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death -

even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name

that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

Message

“The Mind of Christ”

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Middle Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #465

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

***Affirmation of Faith** (from A Declaration of Faith)

Jesus’ involvement in the human condition is God’s involvement. His compassion for all kinds of people is God’s compassion. His demand for justice, truth, and faithfulness is God’s demand. His willingness to suffer rejection is God’s willingness. Jesus’ love for the very people who reject him is God’s love. We acknowledge that Christ chooses to be known in the world through this community of ordinary people, therefore we dare not despise or abandon the church. Christ is the head of the church, therefore we are responsible to Christ when we make policy and decisions in the church. Christ is the foundation of the church, therefore it will not fall despite our weakness. We testify God is at work here and now when people obey Christ’s commission to witness to him and make disciples of all nations, when they spread the good news by their words and embody it in their lives.

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: Holy God, bless these gifts for your good use. May these tokens of our gratitude be of service in blessing the poor, feeding the hungry, clothing and sheltering those struggling to survive. Use these gifts to further Christ’s mission and ministry in a hurting world. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Hymn**

“Firm Foundation”

Charge and Blessing

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Announcements

Pumpkin Patch Volunteers Needed - The pumpkins will be delivered this Friday, October 2, at 3:30 p.m. We need volunteers to help unload the truck. Wheelbarrows and wagons are encouraged. Questions or ideas? Call Shawn Brecht at 904.718.3128, Lois Morse at 904.386.6305, or Greg Miller at 904.422.3184.

The patch will be open to the public Saturday, October 3 - 31. We need volunteers to work the patch. Hours for the pumpkin patch are:

Monday-Friday 2:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 12:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.

A volunteer sign-up sheet is available in the narthex for both unloading the pumpkins and working in the patch. Thank you for volunteering for our biggest fundraiser!

World Communion Offering 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.

Session Meeting October 11 - The next Session meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 11, following worship.

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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