



Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 11, 2026
20th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn**

“The Goodness of Jesus”

***Call to Worship**

Worship Leader

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Fill your thoughts with all that is noble, just, pure, and true.

All: All that is gracious, excellent, and admirable will fill our thoughts.

A Time for Children

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(Children will go to Sunday School)

Gathering Prayer

Leah Hadrava

Call to Confession

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Prayer of Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

People: God of the universe, you provide us with spiritual riches in abundance. You see our indifference to your invitation to follow Christ in our lives. Forgive the rude treatment we give to you when we do not heed your invitation. Grant us time to reconsider our priorities, to push aside our distractions, and to give place to you in our lives. Have mercy on us.

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

Assurance of Pardon

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Leader: Friends, hear the good news.

People: The peace of God, which is beyond our understanding, will watch over our hearts and our thoughts.

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia. Amen.

*please stand

Word

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

Leah Hadrava

Praise the Lord!
O give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good;
for his steadfast love
endures forever.
Who can utter the
mighty doings of the Lord,
or declare all his praise?
Happy are those who observe justice,
who do righteousness at all times.
Remember me, O Lord,
when you show favor to your people;
help me when you deliver them;
that I may see the prosperity
of your chosen ones,
that I may rejoice in the gladness
of your nation,
that I may glory in your heritage.

Both we and our ancestors have sinned;
we have committed iniquity,
have done wickedly.
They made a calf at Horeb
and worshiped a cast image.
They exchanged the glory of God
for the image of an ox that eats grass.
They forgot God, their Savior,
who had done great things in Egypt,
wondrous works in the land of Ham,
and awesome deeds by the Red Sea.
Therefore he said he would destroy them
– had not Moses, his chosen one,
stood in the breach before him,
to turn away his wrath
from destroying them.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Matthew 22:1-14

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Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

“The Invitation is Still Open”

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***Middle Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #804 v. 1, 2, 3, & 5

“Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart!”

Receiving a New Member

***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: As we stand in your house, O God, we present these tokens of our labor and service. We want to serve you both in worship and in our lives, just as we know of Jesus, who practiced what he preached.

Sending

***Closing Hymn**

“That’s My King”

Charge and Blessing

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Announcements

New Member - This morning, Kirkwood welcomes Soozi Weigel, who is joining through Reaffirmation of Faith. Please welcome this newest member of our congregation.

Pumpkin Patch Volunteers Needed - Volunteers are needed for our annual pumpkin patch, open through October 31. 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. If you have any questions, please see Shawn Brecht or Lois Morse.

Session Meeting October 11 - The Session will meet today following worship.

Broken to Beautiful Support Group Meeting November 12 - The Broken to Beautiful Support Group will meet on Thursday, November 12, at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Bunko November 14 - The next Bunko night will be held on Saturday, November 14, 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.

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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