



Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 18, 2026
21st Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn**

“Sunday is Coming”

***Call to Worship (based on Psalm 96)**

Worship Leader

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song! Everyone, even the rocks and trees, sing!

People: Let us shout out in praise! God does great things for us.

Leader: See God’s amazing works all around us. Great is the Lord!

People: Tell of God’s wonders! Share stories of God’s glory.

All: Let us worship the Lord!

A Moment for Stewardship

Lisa Christian

A Time for Children

Dr. Yvan Kelly

(Children will go to Sunday School)

Gathering Prayer

Don Kent

Call to Confession

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Prayer of Confession

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People: Almighty God, we confess that we have not been the faithful disciples you call us to be. We have not remembered who we are. We are distracted by glittering gold. We are mesmerized by fame and fortune. We fail to hear the cries for mercy of those who suffer unfair burdens. We close our hearts as if empathy was a weakness. Forgive us, Lord. Remind us that we are yours, citizens of the kingdom of God. Give us courage to be kingdom builders, showing mercy and grace in a world in deep need.

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

*please stand

Leader: Friends, hear the good news. God loves you.

People: Even in our imperfection, God loves us and won't let us go.

Leader: Know that you are forgiven and made new, sent out to love and serve.

All: Alleluia. Amen.

Word

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 33:12-23

Don Kent

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Matthew 22:15-22

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Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

“Whose Image Do We Bear?”

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***Middle Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #384 v. 1, 2, & 4

“Soon and Very Soon”

***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: Generous God, all that we have comes from you. We give back this portion in gratitude. May our gifts become beacons of hope and open arms of love until your kingdom comes. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Hymn**

“Raise a Hallelujah”

Charge and Blessing

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Announcements

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.

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.

Dedication Sunday November 15 - Each of us have gifts of time, talent, and treasure to share with God through the work of Kirkwood Presbyterian Church. This Stewardship season, we invite you to prayerfully reflect in the coming weeks on how best to be a steward of God's grace. Consider making a financial commitment to support the ministry of Kirkwood in 2027. Please mark your calendar to join us in making your pledge on Dedication Sunday, November 15, 2026.

OneBlood Blood Drive November 15 - The Big Red Bus will be in the parking lot holding a blood drive on Sunday, November 15, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. In addition to a wellness check, donors will receive a \$20 eGift card. Sign up in advance at <https://www.oneblood.org/donate-now> using code 31712.

Session Meeting November 15 - The Session will meet on November 15 following worship.

Greening of the Church November 22 - Mark your calendars now! After worship on November 22, we will be greening the church for the Christmas season.

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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