Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 25, 2026
22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn** "Oceans (Where My Feet May Fail)"

***Call to Worship** Worship Leader

Leader: We gather here to worship God.
People: We are here, with heart, soul, and mind.
Leader: We gather here as Christ's body.
People: We are neighbors, learning how to love each other.
Leader: The Holy Spirit gathers us in to be sent out again.
People: We are here to worship and to be transformed.
All: Let us worship God!

A Moment for Stewardship Chevy Brodersen

A Time for Children Dr. Yvan Kelly

(Children will go to Sunday School)

Gathering Prayer Soozi Weigel

Call to Confession Dr. Yvan Kelly

Prayer of Confession Dr. Yvan Kelly

People: Holy God, we are often good at following rules while neglecting the heart of your commandments. We think of ourselves as righteous, but take our seat among those who criticize. We seek approval of our friends, family, and others whose opinions we value, forgetting that our call is to please you, above all. You call us to be holy, but we settle for self-righteousness. You call us to love our neighbors, but we keep them at arm's length. You created us to love you with soul, heart, and mind, but we have held parts of ourselves back. Have mercy on us, God. Watch over our ways, redirect our paths, and help us love you with heart, soul, and mind. Help us as we seek to follow your law of love, made known to us in Jesus Christ.

Leader: Please continue in silent confession….Amen.

*please stand

Assurance of Pardon Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: The gospel we proclaim is good news for us all.
People: God's mercy is eternal.
Leader: Freed from sin's power over us, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia. Amen.

Word

Old Testament Reading Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Soozi Weigel

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain - that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees - as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord's command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequaled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

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

New Testament Reading Matthew 22:34-46 Dr. Yvan Kelly

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. and a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet"'?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

Message "The Hard Work of Love" Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Middle Hymn** Glory to God Hymnal #658 "God Is So Good"

***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, we bring our gifts to you. May these gifts yield the fruits of your Spirit, to help show others your love. Use our offerings and our lives in love and service. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Hymn** "Surrounded (Fight My Battles)"

Charge and Blessing Dr. Yvan Kelly

Announcements

Pumpkin Patch Volunteers Needed - The Pumpkin 🎃 Patch still needs a few volunteers. Especially the last two weekends, including November 1. Even a few hours is a big help in relief. Thank you, everyone, for your support. 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.

September 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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