Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 1, 2026
Communion Sunday and 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn** "As the Deer"

***Call to Worship** Worship Leader

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Receive God's message, not as the word of human beings, but as the very word of God at work in us who keep the faith.
People: We will receive God's message as the very word of God at work in our lives.

A Moment for Stewardship Chevy Brodersen

A Time for Children Dr. Yvan Kelly

(Children will go to Sunday School)

Gathering Prayer Teresa Greenawalt

Call to Confession Dr. Yvan Kelly

Prayer of Confession Dr. Yvan Kelly

People: Heavenly Father, strong and gentle, we are dependent on you for both life and strength. Forgive our moments of pride when we act as if we do not need you. Forgive us when we act like know-it-alls, unteachable about what we do and do not believe. Forgive any move we make to displace you, lifting ourselves up into places of authority or in giving to others the honor due only to you. Be patient with us, like a parent dealing with immature children, for the sake of your child, Jesus Christ.

Leader: Please continue in silent confession….Amen.

*please stand

Assurance of Pardon Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: Friends, hear the good news! Those who humble themselves will be exalted.
People: We trust and will be humble before God.
Leader: Friends, believe the good news!
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Word

Old Testament Reading Psalm 34:1-10, 22 Teresa Greenawalt

I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be
in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.
O magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together.
I sought the Lord, and he answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears.
Look to him, and be radiant;
so your faces shall never be ashamed.
This poor soul cried,
and was heard by the Lord,
and was saved from every trouble.
The angel of the Lord encamps
around those who fear him,
and delivers them.
O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who
take refuge in him.
O fear the Lord, you his holy ones,
for those who fear him have no want.
The young lions suffer want and hunger,
but those who seek the Lord
lack no good thing.
The Lord redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him
will be condemned.

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

New Testament Reading 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 Dr. Yvan Kelly

You remember our labor and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was towards you believers. As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, urging and encouraging you and pleading that you should lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

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

Message "The Saints Who Made Us Who We Are" Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Middle Hymn** Glory to God Hymnal #451
"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

The Lord's Supper

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.

The Lord's Supper

Giving Thanks to God with Our Gifts and Offerings

Offertory Song

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

People: God, help us to give and live, worthy of the call to your glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Hymn** "The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)"

Charge and Blessing Dr. Yvan Kelly

Announcements

Pumpkin Patch Contest - Next year is the 10th anniversary of the Pumpkin Patch. We want to make some commemorative T-shirts. We are planning to use an orange T-shirt, so take that into consideration when designing your image. See Shawn Brecht for more information.

Pumpkin Patch Donations Needed - As the Halloween season is winding down, pumpkin carving kits are going on clearance. If you would like to donate any to the Pumpkin Committee, we can sell them next year at the patch. We also need new scarecrows. If you spot any on clearance and would like to donate them to the Pumpkin Patch, the patch will look better next year. Thank you.

Pumpkin Patch Clean-up November 7 - On Saturday, November 7, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., we will clean up the Pumpkin Patch. All are welcome. If anyone has a medium-to-small trailer that they can bring to help move things, that would be great. Thank you all.

Church Luncheon November 8 - Sunday, November 8, at noon is the church luncheon at Eagle Landing. A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex for families to sign up. Order off the menu. Families each pay for their group.

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. 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.

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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