



Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 8, 2024

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #20

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

***Call to Worship**

Worship Leader

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

People: And also with you.

Leader: Praise the Lord as long as you live.

People: We will sing psalms to God all our life long.

Gathering Prayer

Lynne Barnes

Call to Confession

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Prayer of Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

People: Holy God, although we honor you with our words and worship, our hearts are often far from you. We are quick to judge, quick to exclude, quick to put others down instead of building them up. Forgive us, God. Help us amend our ways. Help us embrace the inclusive love you graciously offer us and expect us to offer others.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: Friends, hear the good news! God has chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith.

People: We will inherit the kingdom Christ has promised to those who love him.

Leader: Friends, believe the good news!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Word

A Time for Children

Dr. Yvan Kelly

(Children will go to Sunday School)

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Lynne Barnes

A good name is to be chosen
rather than great riches,
and favor is better than
silver or gold.

The rich and the poor
have this in common:
the Lord is the maker
of them all.

Whoever sows injustice
will reap calamity,
and the rod of anger will fail.

Those who are generous are blessed,
for they share their bread
with the poor.

Do not rob the poor
because they are poor,
or crush the afflicted
at the gate;
for the Lord pleads their cause
and despoils of life
those who despoil them.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Mark 7:24-37

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From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go - the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

“Be Open”

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*Middle Hymn

“Cannons”

*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: Holy God, how often we take for granted all that we have. How often we fail to recognize how blessed we are. Take these gifts we give in response to your generosity and use them to further Christ’s mission and ministry in a hurting world. Amen.

Sending

*Closing Hymn

Glory to God Hymnal #318

“In Christ There is No East or West”

Charge and Blessing

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Announcements

Blood Drive September 8 - Today, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., the Big Red Bus will be in the parking lot holding a blood drive. You are encouraged to register in advance [here](#). Use sponsor code 31712. Walk-ins are also accepted. All donors will receive a \$20.00 eGift card, a pair of OneBlood socks, and a wellness check-up.

Bunko September 14 - The next Bunko night will be held this Saturday, September 14, at 6:00 p.m. No experience is needed and it is fun for all ages. The entrance fee is \$10.00 per person and includes dessert. All proceeds go to the church's building and grounds fund.

Session Meeting September 22 - The next Session meeting will be held on Sunday, September 22, following worship.

Last Sunday of the Month Potluck Luncheon September 29 - Our last Sunday of the month potluck will be held on Sunday, September 29, following worship. If you plan on attending, please bring a dish to share. Those with the last name beginning with A-H please bring a side or a salad, I-P please bring a dessert, and Q-Z please bring a main dish.

Peace and Global Witness Offering October 6 - On Sunday, October 6, we will accept offerings for the Peace and Global Witness offering. This offering supports peacemaking work. 25% of our offering stays at Kirkwood to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our community. Please use the special envelopes on the table in the back of the church or note on the regular offering envelope that your offering is for Peace and Global Witness Offering.

It's Pumpkin Time! - Anyone interested in helping, please contact Shawn Brecht at 904.718.3128 or Wayne Barnes at 904.537.6520. We have lots to do in a few short weeks... set up tents, lay out pallets, make photo opportunities, unload & sell pumpkins, and have a great outreach fun time.

Disaster Supply Kit Checklist - FloridaDisaster.org is a website with disaster preparedness tips, as well as a disaster supply kit checklist. You can find the checklist as well as other information at <https://www.floridadisaster.org/>. Copies of the checklist are available on the table in the narthex.

Financial Giving - You may place your offering in the offering plate, drop off a check at the office, put it in the mail, or use our online giving portal that can be accessed [here](#) or by scanning the QR code to the right.



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