



Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 24, 2024

Christ the King Sunday

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn** Glory to God Hymnal #647 "Give Thanks"

***Call to Worship** (based on Revelation 1:5-6) Worship Leader

Leader: What brings us together in this place?

People: To worship Christ, who loves us, who freed us from our sins by his blood and who made us a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father.

Leader: To him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

People: Amen.

All: Let's prepare our hearts and minds to worship Jesus Christ, our king.

Gathering Prayer Toni Knieling

Call to Confession Dr. Yvan Kelly

Prayer of Confession Dr. Yvan Kelly

People: Lord, however much we call you king, we fail to follow your call to us. We give in to the temptations of this temporary world, seeking security while you call us to service. You call us to love one another but we hate our neighbors. In our failure to you, we identify more with the nations on our passports than with your kingdom. We pray that you reclaim us as your people, forgive us as your children, and continue to be our Lord and our hope for salvation.

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

Assurance of Pardon Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: Friends, hear the good news! Jesus loves us and has set us free from sins.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ

Leader: and by the certainty of God's decree

People: Know that we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Word

A Time for Children

Dr. Yvan Kelly

(Children will go to Sunday School)

Old Testament Reading

2 Samuel 23:1-7

Toni Knieling

Now these are the last words of David: The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favorite of the Strong One of Israel: The spirit of the Lord speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue. The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me: One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God, is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land. Is not my house like this with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire? But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away; for they cannot be picked up with the hand; to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear. And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

John 18:33-37

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Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

"Christ the King"

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***Middle Hymn**

"Breathe"

***Affirmation of Faith**

Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of the Father
before all worlds;
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God;
begotten, not made,
being of one substance
with the Father,
by whom all things were made.
Who, for our salvation,
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by
the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified
also for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried;
and the third day**

**He rose again,
according to the Scriptures;
and ascended into heaven,
and sits on the right-hand
of the Father;
and He shall come again, with glory,
to judge the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the Lord and Giver of Life;
who proceeds from
the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son
together is worshipped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets.
I believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one baptism
for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection
of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
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 One, we pray that you take these gifts of our labor, our wealth, our time, and our lives and use them for your kingdom of love in this world. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #367

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

Charge and Blessing

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Announcements

Church Office Closed November 28 - December 6 - The church office will be closed Thursday, November 28 - Friday, December 6. The office reopens on December 9.

Greening of the Church November 30 - This Saturday, November 30 at 3:00 p.m. everyone is invited to help green (decorate) the church for the Christmas season. Afterward, please attend the Campfire Christmas Carol Sing.

Campfire Christmas Carol Sing November 30 - To kick off the Advent season, the church is hosting a Campfire Christmas Carol Sing this Saturday, November 30, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. There will be smores, hot chocolate, and your favorite carols at the fire pit, located on the back side of the church.

Angel Tree Gift Due Back December 2 - Thank you to all who adopted an angel from our Angel Tree list this year. All gifts must be put in a single bag, or multiple bags with copies of your tag on each bag/large item. As a reminder, all gifts must be returned to the church by December 2. If you took a tag, please make sure your information is on the sign-out sheet for tracking of the tags or call Suzi to let her know if you have tags CLAY 6B or CLAY 6C. Thank you again and God bless.

Breakfast with Santa December 7 - Kirkwood's annual Breakfast with Santa will be held on Saturday, December 7. Breakfast is from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.; pictures with Santa from 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Children are free and donations for adults are welcomed. A reservation form can be found on the table in the narthex or in tomorrow's newsletter. You can drop your completed reservation form off in the office or email it back to the church at home@kirkwoodchurch.org. We are accepting individually wrapped candy for the goodie bags. You can bring those by the church office during the week or next Sunday.

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

Congregational Meeting December 15 - There will be a congregational meeting after worship on Sunday, December 15. The purpose is to elect new Session members and present next year's budget.

Christmas Joy Offering December 22 - The Christmas Joy Offering supports church workers and their families in their time of need and develops future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. To contribute to this special offering, please use the Christmas Joy offering envelopes in the friendship pads.

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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