



Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, February 16, 2025

6th Sunday after Epiphany

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal # 385

“All People that On Earth Do Dwell (*Psalms 100*)”

***Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 1)

Worship Leader

Leader: Like trees planted by streams of water

People: Let us trust in the Lord

Leader: and meditate on God’s Word

People: so we can yield good and bountiful fruit.

All: Let us worship the God who produces good things in our hearts.

Gathering Prayer

Kyle Sprague

Call to Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Prayer of Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

People: Merciful God, you lead us through the parched wilderness to streams of living water, but we do not allow it to blossom in our health and wholeness. We ignore your rich provisions, choosing the world’s latest fad and shallow self-help. We ignore the deeper needs of our souls. Merciful God, forgive our arrogance and our ignorance. Remind us of our spiritual needs and the many ways you are here to provide.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: Friends, hear the Good News! You are blessed if you believe the good news Jesus preaches.

People: We do not find Jesus’ words to be stumbling blocks, because we believe the good news he preaches.

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

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

*please stand

Word

A Time for Children

Dr. Yvan Kelly

(Children will go to Sunday School)

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 1:1-6

Kyle Sprague

Happy are those who do not follow
the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;
but their delight is in
the law of the Lord,
and on his law they
meditate day and night.
They are like trees planted
by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that
the wind drives away.
Therefore the wicked will not stand
in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation
of the righteous;
for the Lord watches over
the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Luke 6:17-26

Dr. Yvan Kelly

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

"A Call to a Different Kingdom"

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Middle Hymn**

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

***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: God, you have sustained us in lean times and led us to sources of living water. Take these gifts and multiply their blessings for those who are hungry, hurting, and in need of your strength. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #318

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

Charge and Blessing

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Announcements

Sunday Potluck Luncheon February 16 - Today after worship there will be a potluck luncheon. Everyone is invited to attend.

Office Closed February 17 - The church office will be closed on Monday, February 17, in observance of Presidents' Day.

Children's Sunday School Change - Beginning March 2, the children will go to the youth portable immediately after "A Time for Children", which has been moved closer to the beginning of the service. Parents are asked to please pick their children up from the youth portable immediately after worship. On Communion Sundays, the ushers will bring the children inside for communion and then they will return to class after communion.

Ash Wednesday Service March 5 - The Ash Wednesday service will be held on Wednesday, March 5, at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Bunko March 8 - The next Bunko night will be held on Saturday, March 8, at 6:00 p.m. No experience is needed and it is fun for all ages. A \$10.00 donation is asked for each person and includes dessert. All proceeds go to the church's building and grounds fund.

Daylight Savings Time Begins March 9 - Remember to turn your clocks ahead 1 hour before going to sleep on Saturday, March 8. Daylight savings time begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 9.

Session Meeting March 9 - The next Session meeting will be held on Sunday, March 9, after worship.

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.



January 2025 Pledges

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| Actual Received | \$6,319.00 |
| Amount Pledged | <u>\$6,428.00</u> |
| Difference | -\$ 109.00 |

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