



Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, February 23, 2025

7th Sunday after Epiphany

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #175

“Seek Ye First”

***Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 37)

Worship Leader

Leader: Our salvation is from the Lord;

People: God is our refuge in times of trouble.

Leader: The Lord helps us and rescues us;

People: God saves us because we take refuge in our Lord.

Gathering Prayer

Don Kent

Call to Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Prayer of Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

People: Merciful God, you have commanded us to love you above all and to have no other gods. You have called us to love others as you love them. But we personally and socially devote ourselves to other “gods” - the false gods of prosperity, materialism, and social status. Forgive us our sins and transform us by your Spirit so that we might learn to love as you love and live as people baptized as your own children.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: Friends, hear the Good News! God’s love will not let us go.

People: He will bring us resurrection and new life.

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: 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)

*please stand

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

Don Kent

Do not fret because of the wicked;
do not be envious of wrongdoers,
for they will soon fade like the grass,
and wither like the green herb.
Trust in the Lord, and do good;
so you will live in the land,
and enjoy security.
Take delight in the Lord,
and he will give you the desires
of your heart.
Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in him, and he will act.
He will make your vindication
shine like the light,
and the justice of your cause
like the noonday.
Be still before the Lord,
and wait patiently for him;
do not fret over those
who prosper in their way,
over those who
carry out evil devices.

Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath.
Do not fret-it leads only to evil.
For the wicked shall be cut off,
but those who wait for the Lord
shall inherit the land.
Yet a little while, and the wicked
will be no more;
though you look diligently
for their place, they will not be there.
But the meek shall inherit the land,
and delight themselves
in abundant prosperity.
The salvation of the righteous
is from the Lord;
he is their refuge
in the time of trouble.
The Lord helps them and rescues them;
he rescues them from the wicked,
and saves them,
because they take refuge in him.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.**New Testament Reading**

Luke 6:27-38

Dr. Yvan Kelly

“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

“Enemies and Selves”

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Middle Hymn**

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

Receiving of New Members

***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: O God, may these gifts be used as a witness to your love, peace, and justice at work in the world, renewing the face of the earth. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #8

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

Charge and Blessing

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Announcements

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 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 bed on Saturday, March 8. Daylight savings time begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 9.

OneBlood Blood Drive March 9 - On Sunday, March 9, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., the Big Red bus will be in the parking lot hosting a blood drive. All donors will receive a \$20 e-Gift card, a St. Patrick's Day T-shirt, and a wellness checkup. Appointments are encouraged and can be made at oneblood.org/donate-now. Please use sponsor code 31712.

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

Candy Collection for Breakfast with the Easter Bunny - We are collecting individually wrapped candy for the Breakfast with the Easter Bunny event. If you would like to donate candy, please bring it in and place it in the bin located in the narthex.

Thrivent Shred Events - Thrivent is holding several shred events. More information can be found on the sheet in the narthex and in tomorrow's newsletter.

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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