



Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, February 9, 2025

5th Sunday after Epiphany

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #14 v. 1, 2, 3, & 4

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

***Call to Worship**

Worship Leader

Leader: Jesus promises that when we gather, God is present.

People: God is with us here. God is with us today.

Leader: Let us praise our Creator, the Alpha and Omega, the Almighty saying,

People: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.”

All: The Lord of hosts is here. Let us ground ourselves in worship.

Gathering Prayer

Kathy Foresi

Call to Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Prayer of Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

People: Lord of all, forgive us for the ways we have fallen short. You ask us to look to the margins and care for the lost; but we care best for ourselves. You ask us to give away; but we grab for more. You ask us to love one another; but we cannot see beyond our divisions. The world is full of violence, both large and small. Forgive us. Help us. We call on you to give us hope. Hear our silent confessions now.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: Friends, hear the Good News! You are saved by the gospel.

People: We are saved by the gospel if we hold it close in our heart.

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)

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8

Kathy Foresi

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.

And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you - unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them - though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

"Extra, Extra"

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Middle Hymn**

“Great are You Lord”

***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, you are the source of all love, power, and justice. Our world is broken and in need of your love and your light. Take these offerings and multiply them so they may bless others. Bless those who give and those who receive, that they may know you better. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #450

“Be Thou My Vision”

Charge and Blessing

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Announcements

Session Meeting February 9 - The Session will meet after worship today.

Sunday Potluck Luncheon February 16 - After worship on February 16 there will be a potluck luncheon. Everyone is invited. If you plan on attending, please bring a dish to share.

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

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Response to California Wildfires - To support the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance's response to the California Wildfires, you can fill out the form on the table in the narthex. Once you fill the form out, you can either turn it into the church office along with your check made out to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) or mail it directly to the Presbyterian Church. The address to send the form and check to is on the form. Instructions for making payments by phone or online are on the form.

Children's Sunday School Change - Beginning March 2, the children will meet in the youth portable at 10:00 a.m. for Sunday School. Parents will pick them up immediately after the service ends. On Communion Sundays, the ushers will bring the children inside for communion and 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.

Updated Ministry Teams - An updated list of ministry teams and their responsibilities is available on the table in the narthex, on the church website, and in the 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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