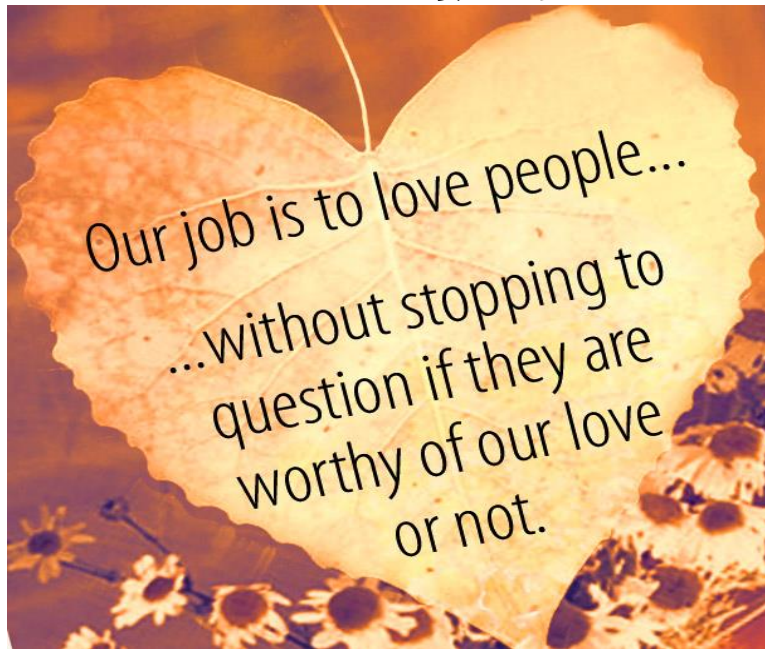


**John Knox Presbyterian Church**  
**November 23, 2025**



*Welcome! Please be seated and prepare your hearts and minds for worship.*

**GATHERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE**

**Prelude**

"Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven  
with Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

arr. Faye Lopez

**Words of Welcome**

*The Peace of Christ be with you ... and also with you.*

**\*Call to Worship**

*Love the Lord your God,*  
**with all your heart, and with all your soul,**  
**and with all your strength, and with all your mind!**  
*Love your neighbor as yourself,*  
**with all your heart, and with all your soul,**  
**and with all your strength, and with all your mind!**  
*Do this and you will live!*  
**Let us worship God!**

**\*Hymn**

"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

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**Invitation to Confession**

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

**God of Mercy: we confess that we have failed to live**  
**as your beloved sons and daughters.**  
**We have set our minds on the things of this world,**  
**and we have neglected the inheritance of love**  
**you bestow upon your saints.**

**We have pursued selfish aims in our daily business;  
we have harbored uncharitable thoughts  
toward our enemies and friends;  
we have avoided difficult responsibilities  
to our neighbors.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Free us from our selfish ways and strengthen us  
to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ,  
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

### **Words of Forgiveness**

**Sung Response**

**“Grace Alone”**

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## **LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD**

**Tim with God’s Children**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**First Reading**

**Jonah 1:1-17; 2:10-4:11**

**NRSVUE**

Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai, saying, “Go at once to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it, for their wickedness has come up before me.” But Jonah set out to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid his fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the Lord.

But the Lord hurled a great wind upon the sea, and such a mighty storm came upon the sea that the ship threatened to break up. Then the sailors were afraid, and each cried to his god. They threw the cargo that was in the ship into the sea, to lighten it for them. Jonah, meanwhile, had gone down into the hold of the ship and had lain down and was fast asleep. The captain came and said to him, “What are you doing sound asleep? Get up; call on your god! Perhaps the god will spare us a thought so that we do not perish.”

The sailors said to one another, “Come, let us cast lots, so that we may know on whose account this calamity has come upon us.” So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. Then they said to him, “Tell us why this calamity has come upon us. What is your occupation? Where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?” “I am a Hebrew,” he replied. “I worship the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.” Then the men were even more afraid and said to him, “What is this that you have done!” For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the Lord, because he had told them so.

Then they said to him, “What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?” For the sea was growing more and more tempestuous. He said to them, “Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you, for I know it is because of me that this great storm has come upon you.” Nevertheless, the men rowed hard to bring the ship back to land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more stormy against them. Then they cried out to the Lord, “Please, O Lord, we pray, do not let us perish on account of this man’s life. Do not make us guilty of innocent blood, for you, O Lord, have done as it pleased you.”

So they picked Jonah up and threw him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging. Then the men feared the Lord even more, and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows.

But the Lord provided a large fish to swallow up Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

Jonah 2:10-4:11 Then the Lord spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out onto the dry land.

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: "By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. Humans and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish."

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?"

*This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

## Second Reading

Luke 10:25-37

NRSVUE

An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

*This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

**Sermon**

“Who Is My Neighbor?”

Rev. Andrew Wall

**Hymn**

“The Servant Song”

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## RESPONDING TO GOD’S CALL

### Church and Community Life

#### Minute for Mission

ODHS Gift Cards

#### Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

##### Offertory

“Now Thank We All Our God”

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*We will sing the first two verses seated and stand to sing the third verse as the offering is brought forward.*

*One individual whose life witness comes to mind as inspirational hope in a crisis is Martin Rinkart (1586–1649). Rinkart was a gifted musician at several prominent churches in Saxony, Germany, before turning to the pastorate. He then served as pastor to the people of Eilenburg for 30 years before his death—years that almost exactly overlapped with the dreadful Thirty Years’ War. Because it was a walled city, refugees from the surrounding countryside, besieged by invasions of the Swedish military, poured into Eilenburg. It didn’t take long for famine and pestilence to set in. In 1637 alone, 8,000 people died of disease—including other clergy, most of the town council, and Rinkart’s own wife. Rinkart was left to minister to the entire city, sometimes preaching at burial services for as many as 200 dead in one week. Known as a faithful and caring pastor, he gave away everything he owned except for the barest essentials to care for his family. In the depths of the communal suffering that surrounded him, Rinkart wrote a hymn text “Now Thank We All Our God.”*

*From Christian Century 4/8/20, Peter W Marty*

#### \* Prayer of Dedication

## Prayers of the People

Anna's response: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Pastor's response: God of Compassion, **hear our prayer.**

## The Lord's Prayer

### SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

\* **Sending Song** "Sent out in Jesus' Name" #2184

#### \* Charge and Benediction

*Please be seated to enjoy the postlude.*

**Postlude** "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come  
with Now Thank We All Our God" arr. Thomas Keesecker



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Liturgist: Vallory Bunday  
Music Director: Anna Robinson

Pastor: Rev. Maggie Lewis  
Pianist: Bethany Cozort

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## Church and Community Life

**FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS for 2026** will be accepted any time. Place them in the offering basket or give them to Bronwyn. We appreciate your support as we begin to work on the 2026 budget.

**KEIZER COMMUNITY FOOD BANK** The most efficient way to help food banks at this time is to provide cash donations so they can make bulk food purchases of most-needed items. Designate "KCFB" or "Food Bank" and we will route the money to KCFB. Volunteers are always needed to serve our hungry neighbors. KCFB had to apply a limit of 200 families at each opening (400 families per week) to make the available food last. See the KCFB Facebook page or website at [keizercommunityfoodbank.org](http://keizercommunityfoodbank.org) for more information, or contact Sheila or Teresa.

Donations toward the purchase of **GIFT CARDS** for youth in foster care can be made any time between now and December 14. Indicate "ODHS Gift Cards" on your donation. The cards will be purchased and delivered that week.

Providing these gift cards for youth in foster care is one way we can express our love and care for those in challenging situations. These gift cards allow them the freedom of choice to buy items they want and need for themselves or for their families. Your generous donations last year provided over \$3,000 in gift cards for these youth.

**HURRICANE MELISSA** made landfall as a Category 5 storm in Jamaica on Tuesday, October 28th. The impact will require years of rebuilding. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is providing grants to address urgent, immediate needs, and will remain for the Long-Term Recovery to address unmet needs. Donations to PDA can be made through JKPC – just designate “PDA-Melissa” and the donation will be forwarded to the correct account.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY** Please check your personal church directory information. If your email, address, or phone has changed since February of 2025, please let Eileen know.

## Looking Ahead

### Nov. 25 Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

6:00 Soup, 7:00 service @ St. Mark Lutheran Church

**Nov. 27** Thanksgiving Day

**Nov. 30** 10:30 Worship – First Sunday of Advent

**Dec. 1** 7:00 pm Administration Committee – Zoom

**Dec 4 & 7** Micah is the Scarecrow@South Salem HS

**Dec. 6** 11:00 Salem Community Chorus at Capitol Rotunda

**Dec. 7** 10:30 Worship – Second Sunday of Advent  
Holy Communion

**Dec. 8** 6:30 Salem Community Chorus Concert  
at St. Mark Lutheran Church

**Dec. 13** 1:00-4:00 All-Church Christmas Party  
Potluck, memories, small gift exchange, and carols

**Dec. 14** 10:30 Worship –Third Sunday of Advent  
Deadline for Gift Card donations  
3:30 Salem Community Chorus Concert  
at Christ’s Church United, Monmouth

**Dec. 21** 10:30 Worship – Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Christ Jar Offering

**Dec. 24** 7:00 Christmas Eve service

**Dec. 28** 10:30 Worship – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas

### November Birthdays

2	Jason	22	Joan A.
5	Maggie L.		
<b>November Anniversaries</b>			
25	Bronwyn & Glen C.		

### December Birthdays

10	Dixie S.	30	Micah R.
13	Tim B.	31	Marlene B.
29	Jim C.		
<b>December Anniversaries</b>			
23	Lee & Mary Jo E.	26	Doug & Janet A.



**THE WIZARD OF OZ** will be presented at South Salem High School Dec. 4 through Dec. 7. Micah will be the Scarecrow on Thursday (7 pm) and Sunday (2 pm). See [saxondrama.ludus.com](http://saxondrama.ludus.com) for ticket information.



## SALEM COMMUNITY CHORUS WINTER CONCERTS

Director: Anna Robinson    Accompanist: Adam Robinson

### *Winter Wind*

Salem Capitol Rotunda    Saturday Dec. 6    11:00 am  
St. Mark Lutheran Church    Monday, Dec 8    6:30 pm  
790 Marion St. NE, Salem  
Christ's Church United    Sunday, Dec 14    3:30 pm  
412 W Clay St, Monmouth



**SAVE THE DATE!** The all-church Christmas party is **Saturday, December 13, 1 pm – 4 pm**, at the church. It will be a true potluck – what you bring is what we will eat! There will be a small gift exchange, sharing holiday memories, and a carol sing. Gifts should be small, inexpensive, and something you would enjoy receiving (not a white elephant-type gift).

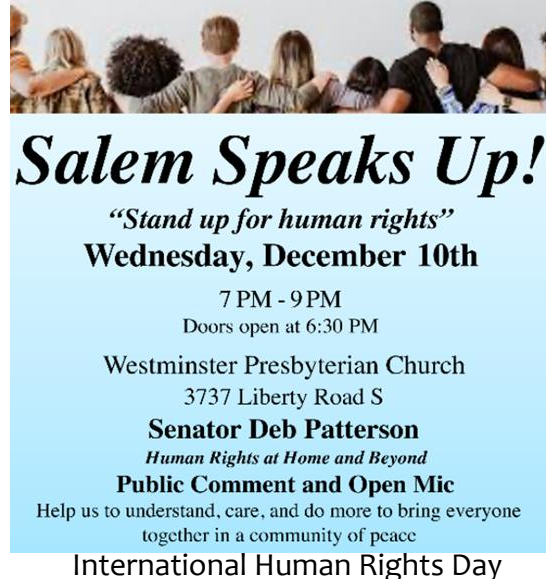


*Blue Christmas*  
**CANDLE LIGHT VIGIL  
AT ICE**  
**Monday evening, Dec.1st, 6pm**

A gathering of faith communities, neighbors and friends to stand against injustice.  
We will hold space for our grief and weariness as we look for hope in God's love and presence.

FOR MORE INFO AND TO RSVP  


Meeting at Elizabeth Caruthers Park at 6pm.  
Marching to ICE at 6:15



**Salem Speaks Up!**  
“Stand up for human rights”  
**Wednesday, December 10th**  
7 PM - 9 PM  
Doors open at 6:30 PM  
Westminster Presbyterian Church  
3737 Liberty Road S  
**Senator Deb Patterson**  
*Human Rights at Home and Beyond*  
**Public Comment and Open Mic**  
Help us to understand, care, and do more to bring everyone together in a community of peace  
**International Human Rights Day**

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*This gathering of JKPC is occurring in the traditional land of the Kalapuya people. We offer our gratitude to the elders, past and present, who have stewarded it through the generations.*

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