

John Knox Presbyterian Church

September 27, 2026

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



In My Father's House are Many Rooms

Week Four
Africa

*This Week's Peacemaking Question:
Where are we praying for peace while benefiting
from systems that make peace difficult?*

GATHERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

"Mfurahini, Haleluya"
Traditional Tanzanian

Keith Kolander

Words of Welcome

*The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you.***

* Call to Worship

The whole house belongs to God. Every people, every language, every land.

God does not turn away from a wounded world. God calls us to bind up what is broken.

God asks us to loosen the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free.

God calls us to seek peace and pursue it.

Come, let us worship the God who makes a way through the wilderness.

Let us worship the God who calls us to repair what is broken and make room for peace.

* Hymn

"Come, All You People"

#388

Anna will sing the first verse in Shona (primary language in Zimbabwe) and we will join on the English verses. See the projection for the second and third verses not in the hymnal.

* Call to Confession

* Unison Prayer of Confession

God of justice and mercy, you see the wounds we would rather overlook. You hear the cries that do not always reach our ears. You know the histories of violence, exploitation, displacement, poverty, and injustice that shape the lives of your children.

Forgive us when we turn suffering into statistics. Forgive us when we look at another part of the world and see only what is broken. Forgive us when we speak about people without listening to them. Forgive us when we seek easy answers to complicated wounds.

Teach us another way. Give us wisdom that is willing to listen. Give us compassion that refuses to look away. Give us courage to confront injustice without hatred.

Church and Community Life

JESUS SAYS “In my Father’s house are many rooms.”

We live in a world of many peoples, cultures, languages, nations, and faiths. Christians confess Jesus Christ as Lord, and yet we also confess that the earth belongs to God and that no nation, culture, or religious community can claim ownership of God.

Our fall series asks how we remain deeply rooted in our faith in Jesus Christ while becoming better neighbors in God's many-roomed world. Each week we explore a different part of the world as we work on a different step in the process of answering this question.

Next week is World Communion Sunday, October 4. We will celebrate a global, connected Church, including participating in the PC(USA) World Communion Special Offering. Racial justice, gender justice, global witness, and ecumenical and interfaith engagement are the important causes supported by this offering.



A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING has been called by session for Sunday, October 11, after worship for the purpose of electing officers, voting on proposed revisions to bylaws, and any other business. A few paper copies of the proposed revisions are available on the table in the narthex; an email was sent on Saturday with a copy of the revisions to those who receive email. If you want more information about these changes, please contact Eileen.

JKPC August 2026 Financial Report

INCOME	Actual	Budget	Year to Date Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Pledges	\$10,175	\$9,040	\$51,730	\$50,455	\$84,280
Offerings	322	417	4,208	3,333	5,000
Misc.	703	708	5,191	5,667	8,500
Christ Jar/ CHP	110	100	873	800	1,200
Building Use	45	100	500	800	1,200
Per Capita	0		700	600	600
Food Bank Donations	300	150	1,550	1,200	1,800
Backpack B Donations	150	175	2,120	1,400	2,100
INC. TOTAL	\$11,805	\$10,690	\$66,872	\$64,255	\$104,680
EXPENSES TOTAL	\$7,183	\$6,866	\$75,558	\$71,847	\$114,375
PROFIT/ <LOSS>	\$4,622	\$3,824	<\$8,686>	<\$7,592>	<\$9,695>
<i>Including Investment Income, unrealized loss/gain and fees</i>					
	\$10,901	\$3,824	\$22,234	<\$7,592>	\$10,295>

Treasurer's Report Bronwyn Curtis

This month, we saw a net gain of \$4,622.39. We received \$5,325 in payments on annual pledges plus a \$400 catch-up pledge payment. Memorial funds for Marlene Buell (\$600) show in Miscellaneous income. August expenses were run of the mill with no surprises. Investment income of \$1,151.80 was reinvested into our Fidelity funds which continue to perform well with an unrealized profit of \$5,127.



Extra info: To learn more about this project
go to africanpeacemaking.org

*Do your little bit of good where you are;
it's those little bits of good put together
that overwhelm the world.*

— Desmond Tutu

Looking Ahead

- Oct. 4** **10:30** Worship - World Communion Sunday
Receive Special Offering; celebrate Communion
- Oct. 11** **10:30** Worship
After worship: Congregational meeting to
elect officers and vote on revised bylaws
- Oct. 18** **10:30** Worship
After worship: Autumn fellowship meal,
with to-be-announced entertainment ☺

JKPC Celebrations

SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
<i>Birthdays</i>	<i>Birthdays</i>
Sept. 5: Linda G.	Oct. 1: Cariana H.
Sept. 14: Janet A.	Oct. 14: Rosemary W.
Sept. 24: Glen C.	Oct. 24: Shirley Bond
<i>Anniversaries</i>	
Sept. 3: Judi and Mike L.	
Sept. 27: Joan and Paul A.	

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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.*

We are recording this service and it will be available on our website for two weeks.