

John Knox Presbyterian Church

October 12, 2025



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

GATHERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude (video) "Heleluyan" Muscogee Creek Halleluiah Hymn Nita Nokose

Words of Welcome

A Land Acknowledgment

We gather on land that has long been home to indigenous peoples—the original caretakers of this place, who honored its waters, skies, and soil as sacred gifts from the Creator.

We give thanks for the Kalapuya people, who have lived, worked, and worshiped on this land for generations beyond counting.

We lament the injustices that have been done, the land that was taken, the lives that were displaced, and the erasure that continues.

May this acknowledgment not be empty words but a beginning of right relationship—seeking truth, listening deeply, and walking together in the way of healing.

Creator of all, teach us to live with respect for the earth and all its peoples. Help us to walk humbly, to seek justice, and to build peace where we dwell. Amen.

* Call to Worship

based on Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it— the world and all who dwell upon it.

For God founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

*We come to worship the Creator who made all lands holy,
and all peoples bearers of God's image.*

We come seeking justice, healing, and truth.

ALL: Let us worship God with open hearts and humble spirits.

* Hymn

"For the Healing of the Nations"

#346 tune #65

* Call to Confession and Silent Prayer

* Unison Prayer of Confession

Creator of all, we confess that we have often forgotten that the land we stand upon is sacred, and that your image shines in every culture and people.

We have benefited from systems that wound others and ignored the cries of those whose land and lives were taken. Forgive us.

Open our eyes to truth, our hearts to compassion, and our hands to the work of repair and reconciliation. In your mercy, renew us to walk humbly with you. Amen.

* Words of Forgiveness

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Sung Prayer for Illumination

“Take the Saving Word of God”
Anna Robinson

Kiowa melody

First Reading

Micah 6: 6-8

The Message

How can I stand up before God
and show proper respect to the high God?
Should I bring an armload of offerings
topped off with yearling calves?
Would God be impressed with thousands of rams,
with buckets and barrels of olive oil?
Would he be moved if I sacrificed my firstborn child,
my precious baby, to cancel my sin?
But he's already made it plain how to live, what to do,
what God is looking for in men and women.
It's quite simple: Do what is fair and just to your neighbor,
be compassionate and loyal in your love,
And don't take yourself too seriously—
take God seriously.

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

Time with Our Young and Growing

Second Reading

Luke 4: 16-21

New Living Translation

When he came to the village of Nazareth, his boyhood home, he went as usual to the synagogue on the Sabbath and stood up to read the Scriptures. The scroll of Isaiah the prophet was handed to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where this was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released,
that the blind will see,
that the oppressed will be set free,
and that the time of the Lord's favor has come.”

He rolled up the scroll, handed it back to the attendant, and sat down. All eyes in the synagogue looked at him intently. Then he began to speak to them. “The Scripture you've just heard has been fulfilled this very day!”

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

Sermon

“The Spirit of the Lord is Upon Us”

Rev. Maggie Lewis

Hymn

“Wounded World that Cries for Healing” #2177

RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL

Church and Community Life

Minute for Mission

Warm Springs PC

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Offertory

“Make Room Within My Heart, O God –
Today We are Called to Be Disciples”

arr. Penny Rodriguez

*** Sung Response**

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

#708 v. 1

*** Responsive Prayer of Dedication**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon us,

To bring good news to the poor.

God calls us to open our eyes to what is broken,

To bring healing where there is harm.

What does the Lord require of us?

To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.

We remember the land beneath our feet—holy ground entrusted to our care.

May we live as stewards, not owners; as neighbors, not conquerors.

In Christ, every people, language, and culture find their voice.

Together, we proclaim the year of God’s favor—

freedom, healing, and peace.

ALL: Creator, renew your Spirit within us,

that we may join your work of reconciliation

for all peoples and all creation. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayers.

The Lord’s Prayer

SENDING GOD’S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

*** Sending Song**

“Prayer of Peace”

see projection

Text is based on a Navajo prayer.

*** Charge and Benediction**

Please be seated to enjoy the postlude.

Postlude

“DUKE STREET – Jesus Shall Reign”

Arr. Penny Rodriguez

Liturgist: Vallory Bunday

Music Director: Anna Robinson

Pastor: Rev. Maggie Lewis

Pianist: Bethany Cozort

You are invited to explore these selected resources about the Kalapuya people:

https://www.oregonencyclopedia.org/articles/kalapuyan_peoples/

<https://education.uoregon.edu/honoring-native-peoples-and-lands>

<https://libraryguides.lanec.edu/kalapuya>

<https://fiveoaksmuseum.org/this-is-kalapuyan-land-tribes-and-languages-map/>

<https://www.beyondtoxics.org/work/regenerative-ecosystems/kalapuya-wetlands-project/>

<https://native-land.ca/listings/territories/long-tom>

<https://www.grandronde.org/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wb7SgetA98Y>

<https://ndnhistoryresearch.com/>

Links will be active in the bulletin on our website, johnknoxpreskeizer.org

Church and Community Life

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (a short one!) will be held after worship on **October 19** to elect officers to begin service in 2026 (Class of 2028).

KEIZER COMMUNITY FOOD BANK PAPER DRIVE During the months of **September** and **October** your mission team is heading up a paper drive with the items collected being given to our local food bank. We will build a tower in the narthex with your donations of toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, diapers and baby wipes. Monetary donations will be accepted too, with the mission committee making a purchase for you. Designate “Paper Drive” on your donation. If you have any questions, ask Sheila.

During the paper drive, food and monetary donations are also welcome. Designate “KCFB” or “Food Bank” and we will route the money to the food bank. Basic food needs are cereal, peanut butter, canned meats, tomato produces, soup and chili, mac and cheese, and canned fruit. Volunteers are always needed to serve our hungry neighbors. See the KCFB Facebook page or website at keizercommunityfoodbank.org. For more information, or contact Sheila or Teresa.

FELLOWSHIP TIME after worship is a wonderful time to talk with friends and make new ones. It’s even more pleasant with goodies in hand. Please see Joan to provide goodies, just bring some, or leave a free-will offering in the basket on the table so we can purchase refreshments when home-baked treats aren’t available. Thank you!

WANT TO MEET WITH MAGGIE? She’s usually in Keizer on Thursdays, but not always. Email, call, or speak with her to set up a mutually convenient time to visit.

Looking Ahead

Mon. Oct. 13 7 pm Admin Committee – Zoom
Wed. Oct. 15 7 pm Session meeting via Zoom
Fri Oct 17 – Sun Oct 19 Westminster Festival of Fine Arts
Sun. Oct. 19 10:30 Worship followed by
Congregational Meeting for
officer elections
Season of Stewardship begins
Fri-Sat Oct. 24-25 CASCADES PRESBYTERY meeting
at Westminster Pres, Salem
All are welcome. Details available
on cascadespresbytery.org.
Sun. Oct. 26 10:30 Worship followed by a meal
hosted by some session members
and STEWARDSHIP BINGO! Please
plan to join us for fellowship and fun!

October Birthdays

1	Cariana H.	22	Randy L.
13	Ben D.	24	Shirley B #102!!
14	Rosemary W.	29	Paul C.

While I know myself as a creation of God, I am also obligated to realize and remember that everyone else and everything else are also God’s creation. – Maya Angelou

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Common Ground Songwriting Concert is **Sunday, Oct. 12 (today) at 5 pm** at Aurora Presbyterian Church. This concert is a showcase of the Common Ground Songwriting workshop held on Saturday (yesterday) held at First Presbyterian, Woodburn. The workshop brought together people of different perspectives for an experience of listening to each other and writing music together. More information:

<http://www.firstpreswoodburn.org/bloghttp-www-firstpreswoodburn-org-blog-christmas-events/braver-angels-common-ground-songwriting-workshop-and-concert/>

The **Westminster Festival of Fine Arts** begins Friday, October 17 at noon. It goes through Sunday, Oct. 19. See their website at

<https://www.salemwestpresartfest.com/> for information on each day's events that include opening night reception, presentation by guest artists, and musical performances, including a Sunday concert at 3:30 by Fusion Trio. Westminster's address is 3737 Liberty Road South. All events are free.

SEE NO STRANGER – An Evening with Valarie Kaur with Qais Essar. Friday, October 17. Doors open at 6:30, lecture at 7:00 pm followed by a book signing at 8:30. Valarie leads a movement to reclaim love as a force for justice, accompanied by a world-renowned Afghan musician. This is sponsored by Rose City Park Presbyterian Church (1807 NE 45th Ave), part of their Seeking Sacred Wisdom Speaker Series. For more information: <https://rosecityparkpres.org/calendar/filter-by/event/319/2025> Tickets available: valariekaur.eventbrite.com

FAMILIES & POLITICS, a free workshop, will be held on Saturday, Oct. 18 10 am – 1 pm at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 1206 NE Birch St., Camas, WA. This workshop is led by Rev. Cynthia O'Brien, pastor at Woodburn and Aurora Presbyterian Churches. For more information: <https://braverangels.org/event/families-and-politics-57/>

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY
Celebration

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2025
4 PM — 8 PM
BARBIE'S VILLAGE
935 NE 33RD AVE
PORTLAND, OR 97232
Salmon dinner provided

- Vendors (all spots filled)
- Children's Pow Wow
- Photo booth, resources and more
- Entertainment: Scenes from Finding Bigfoot

Logos: Great Spirit, Metro, Multnomah County

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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.