

John Knox Presbyterian Church
November 16, 2025



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

GATHERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude "In the Garden" arr. Jason W. Krug

Words of Welcome

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

Opening Prayer

***Song** "Doxology" #606

***Hymn** "For the Beauty of the Earth" #14

***Statement of Faith** Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths
of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow
of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence
of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days
of my life: and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Invitation to Confession

Confession and Words of Assurance "Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling"
#418

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Isaiah 58: 6-9

"Is not this the fast that I choose: to loosen the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?

Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.'"

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

Hymn

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! #1

Second Reading

Matthew 14: 13-21

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a lonely place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed Jesus on foot from the towns. When Jesus went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. Now when it was evening, the disciples came to Jesus and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." But Jesus said, "The crowds do need not go away; you give them something to eat." The disciples said to Jesus, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And Jesus said, "Bring them here to me." Then Jesus ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then Jesus broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave the bread and fish to the crowds. And all the people ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken leftover pieces. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

Hymn

"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine" #837

Time with Our Community

Rev. Maggie Lewis & Elder CJ High

* Hymn

"In The Garden"

see projection/ Handout on table

Additional thoughts

Rev. Maggie Lewis

Hymn

"It is Well With My Soul"

#840

RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL

Church and Community Life

Minute for Mission

Janice Spees

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Offertory

"He Leadeth Me"

arr. Pepper Chopin

* Sung Response

"Jesus Calls Us"

#717 v. 1 & 4

* Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayers.**

The Lord's Prayer

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

* **Sending Song** "When the Saints Go Marching In" *see projection*

* Charge and Benediction

* **Song** "Doxology" #606

Please be seated to enjoy the postlude.

Postlude "Doxology" arr. Victor Labenske

Liturgist: CJ High

Music Director: Anna Robinson

Pastor: Rev. Maggie Lewis

Pianist: Bethany Cozort

Church and Community Life

FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS for 2026 were received and dedicated last Sunday. If you missed church or weren't ready to commit your pledge, we'll accept them 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 for more information, or contact Sheila or Teresa.

WELCOME to Janice Spees from Oregon Department of Human Services/Child Welfare. She's here to share some information about how the gift cards we donate every year to benefit youth in Marion County foster care. If you have any questions, she'll be available after worship in the social hall.

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. Donations for **GIFT CARDS** can be made any time between now and December 7. The cards will be purchased and delivered that week.

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. The magnitude of this storm will require the development of long-term projects and assistance, both for the physical and emotional long-lasting effects. 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 the new information. Thank you!

Looking Ahead

Nov. 16 after worship Birthday/anniversary celebration in the social hall

Nov. 19 7:00 Session meeting – Zoom

Nov. 23 10:30 Worship with Rev. Andrew Wall

Nov. 27 Thanksgiving Day

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

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

Holy Communion

Dec. 13 1:00-4:00 All-Church Christmas Party

November Birthdays

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



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. More details later.

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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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