

John Knox Presbyterian Church
February 1, 2026 ~~ Holy Communion
4th Sunday after Epiphany



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

GATHERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

Words of Welcome

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

*** Call to Worship**

Lord, we come into your sanctuary with eagerness.

May we hear your call and speak your truth.

Lord, we come to abide with you in love.

Gather us in honest and faithful community.

Lord, prepare us to be people of hope and grace.

Kindle in us courage to live as brave and faithful disciples.

Let us worship our God together in this holy place.

*** Hymn**

"Blessed Jesus, At Your Word"

#395

*** Invitation to Confession and Silent Prayer**

*** Unison Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, we come before you in confession.

**You have showered us with blessings, but we hoard those gifts,
refusing to share with our neighbors in need.**

**You have given us freedom to live justly,
but we choose to oppress and judge others.**

**You have called us to live in peaceful community,
but we sow discord and breed fear among ourselves.**

Forgive us.

Soften our hearts and open our minds to hear your call.

Inspire us to act justly, love fiercely, and walk in your way each and every day.

*** Words of Forgiveness**

***Sung Response**

“Come and Fill Our Hearts” (2x)

#466

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Today’s Psalm

Psalm 15

NRSV

O LORD, who may abide in your tent?
Who may dwell on your holy hill?
Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,
and speak the truth from their heart;
who do not slander with their tongue,
and do no evil to their friends,
nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;
in whose eyes the wicked are despised,
but who honor those who fear the LORD;
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;
who do not lend money at interest,
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be moved.

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

Time with our Young and Growing

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5: 1-12

NRSV

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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

Sermon

“Blessed are the Unimpressive”

Rev. Maggie Lewis

*** Hymn**

“How Blest are Those”

see projection (tune #712)
or music handout

GATHERING AT CHRIST'S TABLE

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

May the God of foolishness be with you.

And also with you.

People of God, open your hearts.

We offer them to the God who transforms us.

Join in singing praises to our God.

With joy and wonder, we lift our voices.

You were foolish enough...

... we sing songs of praise to you:

Holy, holy, holy are you, God of the Blesseds.

All creation rejoices in your saving acts.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One whose weakness is our strength.

Hosanna in the highest!

Holiness is your nature...

... mystery we call faith:

Christ died, humbling himself on the cross;

Christ was raised, filled with your righteousness;

Christ will come, so we may inherit your kingdom.

Here around the Table...

... God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

Words of Institution and Communion Prayer

Communion of God's People

You will be served the bread and cup in your pew.

*When you are served, please hold the elements until
you are invited to partake with everyone in community.*

*Empty cups may be left in the pews,
placed in the basket on the narthex table,
or returned to the social hall.*

Special Music

Prayer after Communion

RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL

Church and Community Life

Presbytery Report

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Call for the Offering

Offertory “Great God of Every Blessing” #694
*Please remain seated to sing verses 1-2, then stand
for verse 3 as our offering is presented for dedication*

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Lord’s Prayer

SENDING GOD’S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

*** Sending Song** “Sent Out in Jesus’ Name” #2184

*** Charge and Blessing**

Please be seated to enjoy the postlude.

Postlude

Liturgist: CJ High

Music Director: Anna Robinson

Pastor: Rev. Maggie Lewis

Pianist: Adam Robinson

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Church and Community Life

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Session has called for the annual congregational meeting to be held after worship on **Sunday, February 15. Annual reports** were emailed on Saturday. A few printed copies are available on the table in the narthex. A copy of the new **church directory** is also available in the narthex for you to take.

KEIZER COMMUNITY FOOD BANK The most efficient way to help food banks at this time is to provide cash donations for bulk food purchases of most-needed items. Designate “KCFB” or “Food Bank” and we will route the money to KCFB. You are always welcome to bring food to the cart any time. 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. Thanks!



PER CAPITA is the fundamental way in which all of the congregations and mid-councils of the PC(USA) connect, participate and share in the work of the wider church. It’s the “tie that binds” -- annual support that unites the entire church in the ongoing and essential work that guides the General Assembly, presbyteries and synods, and benefits every congregation. In

Presbytery of the Cascades, per capita funds positions that support congregations and their work, regardless of the size of their contributions to Presbytery Partnership Giving or other presbytery giving opportunities. All Cascades churches pay **\$50 per member** to presbytery as

a contribution to supporting their work. If you are able to pay your \$50 per capita in addition to your planned giving to JKPC, please mark your donation “per capita.” Your per capita donations will help us keep our budget focused on our mission here while we are also supporting the presbytery’s work in the region. Your per capita payments are appreciated!



Looking Ahead

- Feb. 2 7:00** Administration Committee Zoom
- Feb. 8 10:30** Worship
- Feb. 15 10:30** Transfiguration of the Lord
Worship with Christ Jar Offering
Annual Congregational Meeting
Immediately after worship
Birthday celebration during social hour
- Feb. 16 9 am – 3 pm** Officers Retreat at JKPC
- Feb. 18** Ash Wednesday – no service at JKPC
First Pres: 5:30 pm
- Feb. 22 10:30** Worship – First Sunday in Lent
PDA Blue Shirt Sunday
Special PDA Offering

February Birthdays			
5	Paul A.	26	Jacob C.
7	Doug A.	28	Betty C.
19	Paul W.		

If you want to understand more about the increased ICE activity in Oregon and actions you can take:

*Zoom Call for all congregations
Thursday, February 12th, 6-7:15pm*

Register here: <https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/BxsqeHLBSKu5kxxjEpSBFw>

Or watch for the Cascades Connections email next Thursday from Presbytery – there should be a live link for registration there.

- Understand the increased ICE activity in Oregon, including where and how they’re operating
- Know where to plug into faithful organizing strategies across the state, including neighborhood-based, legislative, and upcoming mass mobilizations
- Take meaningful action while on the call to flex our collective muscles.

The call is sponsored by Together Lab, Portland Immigrant Rights Coalition, and statewide coalitions Oregon for All and Protect Oregon.

Contact information: Ron Werner: ron@togetherlab.org

*The world now is too dangerous
and too beautiful for anything but love.
May your eyes be so blessed you see God in everyone.
Your ears, so you hear the cry of the poor.
May your hands be so blessed
that everything you touch is a sacrament.
Your lips, so you speak nothing but the truth with love.
May your feet be so blessed you run
to those who need you.
And may your heart be so opened,
so set on fire, that your love,
your love, changes everything.*
from *A Black Rock Prayer Book*, by the Rev. Brian Baker

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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.