

John Knox Presbyterian Church

November 13, 2022

22nd Sunday after Pentecost ~~ Stewardship Sunday

BE GLAD AND REJOICE FOREVER

IN WHAT I AM CREATING.

Isaiah 65:18

*Please be seated and quiet your heart and mind
as we prepare to enter this time of worship and praise.*

WE PREPARE TO RECEIVE THE WORD

Processional

“St Columba”

Irish melody, arr Charles Callahan

Words of Welcome

The Peace of Christ be with you – And also with you!

Prelude

“Christians, We Have Met to Worship”

HOLY MANNA by William Moore, arr. Mark Hayes

*** Call to Worship**

*This is a day in which we will give thanks to God,
who raises us up on wings, like eagles.*

**This is a day in which we will trust in the One
who saves us and strengthens us.**

*This is a day in which we will dance to the fountain of life,
drinking deeply of salvation’s goodness.*

This is a day in which our songs will be filled with hope.

This is a day in which we can renew our faith and energize our spirits.

**This a day in which we are reminded that God is with us
not only today but in all the days to come.**

So come, let us worship God!

And let us begin with this prayer:

**Spirit of wisdom, open us to the quiet power you bring so that we might trust without fear –
fill us with the energy we need to respond to our call to live in faithfulness –
remind us again of the priorities that you have established so that we might make them our own –
as we seek to follow the way of the One who leads us into the future where your Kingdom grows.
Amen.**

*** Hymn**

“God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”

#24

*** Call to Confession**

*We just sang: “Great Creator, give us guidance till our goals and yours are one.” As we approach a time
of prayer, let us take a few moments of silence to reflect on how we could better include God’s goals in
our individual lives. Amen.*

*** Community Prayer of Confession**

Spirit of life and love, help us create a community of compassion and caring, ever expanding, ever growing. Bring us to a place of wisdom, a place of connection, a place of hope. Restore our relationships with you and with one another so that we might move boldly forward, confident of your presence in our lives – able to clear away any regrets of the past and ready to work toward the future. Amen.

*** Assurance of Forgiveness**

Beloved people of God, believe the good news: through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

*** Song**

“Glory Be to the Father”

#581

WE RECEIVE THE WORD

Time with Our Children

Rev. Steven Hammond

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, Three in One, you draw us into your community of love with people across the ages and around the world.

*By the same Spirit that binds us together,
speak to us that what we read and hear and ponder
may enliven us and stretch us to trust and follow you;
through Christ our Savior. Amen.*

First Reading

Isaiah 65: 17-25

NRSV

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.
But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.
I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress.
No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD – and their descendants as well.
Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent – its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

Response *Holy Wisdom, Holy Words. Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Reading

Luke 21: 5-19

NRSV

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

Response *Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.* **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Good News?"

Rev. Steven Hammond

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

*** Hymn**

"Live Into Hope"

#772

Prayers of the People

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

The Lord's Prayer

Traditional

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,

for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

Church and Community Life

see information below

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Responsive Call for the Offering

Our gracious God has created a world for us and given us incomparable gifts: air and water and all of creation, family and friends, steadfast love and forgiveness, and life everlasting through Jesus the Christ.

For all the gifts and wonders bestowed on us, we offer our gratitude and our worship.

God also created us to love one another as Christ has loved us.

We are concerned about all God's children in the world, those who live near us and those who live far away.

We are eager to participate in the work of the whole church and to further the ministry and service of this congregation.

To God be the glory! Alleluia, Amen.

Offertory "With Your Lives Adore Him" Robert J. Powell
*** Response** "We Give Thee But Thine Own" v. 1 & 4 #708

*** Responsive Prayer of Dedication**

*Creator of all, the earth is yours,
the world and all who live in it.*

**You have entrusted us with gifts—
time, talent, energy, money—
and asked us to use them to build your kin-dom.
With thanks and praise we respond to your call.**

*We bring these gifts you have given,
returning your generosity, paying it forward.*

**We offer and commit ourselves, our lives,
our hopes and fears, our dollars and our hours,
our talents and skills, to work for your world,
to love and serve wherever you call.**

*We ask your blessing on this, your church,
as we seek to follow you with heart, mind, and soul.*

**Bless also these gifts and commitments, our investment
in your present and future kin-dom here on earth,
that they may multiply in faith, hope, and love. Amen.**

WE GO FORTH TO PRACTICE OUR FAITH

*** Sending Song** "Sent Out in Jesus' Name" #2184

*** Charge and Blessing**

Please be seated to enjoy the postlude.

Postlude

"Christians, We Have Met to Worship" (con't)

HOLY MANNA by William Moore, arr. Mark Hayes

* = Standing *Italic = Leader* **Bold = People**

*This service is being recorded and will be posted on our website, johnknoxpreskeizer.org, for a week.
Invite your friends or family to join us in worship!*

Church and Community Life

PLEASE WELCOME Rev. Steven Hammond, a retired Presbyterian minister, to our pulpit today. Steven's bi-vocational career as a physician assistant provided the opportunity to serve smaller congregations in rural medically underserved communities in Idaho, Washington and Michigan. Steven now lives in Albany, Oregon and continues to serve as pulpit supply and as a member of the Medical Reserve Corp of Linn County.

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT/STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

We will be receiving and dedicating your Financial Commitments for 2023 in today's worship service. There are extra forms on the table in the narthex if you forgot to bring your form from home. You may also turn in a commitment form to the office at any time. 2023 budget development

begins this week. Please also complete the survey in today's bulletin and drop it in the offering basket. It will provide helpful information for planning. Thank you!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP TIME today after worship to visit with Steven and each other.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP meets Tuesday, November 15, at 2:00 in the Social Hall to continue their study of the Ten Commandments. All women are welcome to enjoy study, fellowship, and refreshments.

UPDATED DIRECTORIES are available on the table in the narthex. If you picked up your directory last week, please correct Betty Correll's birthday to 2/28 and Vallory's phone number needs to be added. The directories available today have been corrected.

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE (that's you!) will gather at Dixie's home at 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 19 to help with leaf clean-up. Please see Sheila or Dixie for more information. Many hands make light work!

OFFICE HOURS are on Mondays from 9-12 and by appointment. Emails and phones are being checked from homes.

BACKPACK BUDDIES distribute sacks with weekend food for 15 students at Cummings School. We are adding a jar of peanut butter to each sack on a monthly basis, and we appreciate your donations!

KEIZER COMMUNITY FOOD BANK Please continue to bring donations of **cereal and oatmeal**. These items go quickly at the food bank and are very appreciated by clients. Items can be put in the shopping cart in the Narthex. Monetary donations are always accepted. The gift of your time in person, either stocking or packaging and distributing food is always welcome and is necessary for the food bank to continue its good work.

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE meets Monday evening at 7 pm via Zoom to begin work on the 2023 budget. **SESSION** meets Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom with Rev. David Horn serving as moderator.

PULL TABS FROM DRINK AND FOOD CANS are being collected to benefit Ronald McDonald House. There is a container on the table in the narthex.

PRAYER REQUESTS can be emailed to Bronwyn at johnknoxpreskeizer@gmail.com, or called to Bronwyn (503-463-6828). We encourage you to share your prayer requests with those on the prayer chain. We are stronger when we stand together in prayer. Please remember in your prayers our homebound members and friends as well as those who are not with us in the building today.

ALL CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY will be at Lane's home on **Saturday evening, Dec. 3 at 5:00 p.m.** Bring a dish of food to share and a small wrapped gift for a fun gift exchange. Please talk with Lane if you have questions or need directions.



GIFT CARDS FOR ODHS/CHILD WELFARE FOR YOUTH IN CARE

It's time to donate money toward purchasing gift cards for youth in foster care. How does this work? With your donated funds, we purchase gift cards from various stores such as Target, Fred Meyer, Walmart, Ulta, Dutch Bros, and other places where youth may want to purchase items. We give the gift cards to the Marion County Child Welfare office and in turn, they give them to youth in foster care. The youth have the opportunity to choose and purchase personal items for themselves,

including clothing, shoes, or makeup. Coffee or fast food gift cards allow them the opportunity to socialize with friends and participate in “normal” teen activities. ODHS representative Kristi Schell spoke last week about how much it means to youth in foster care to be able to make choices and have some control over what they purchase, and what a blessing it is for caseworkers to have these cards available, especially for older youth.

If you wish to purchase gift cards on your own, we will pass them on but we aren’t able to record them as charitable gifts for tax purposes. **The deadline for receiving donations is Sunday, December 11.** The cards will be delivered to Child Welfare later that week.

Looking Ahead

- Nov. 14** 7:00 Admin Committee – ZOOM
- Nov. 15** 2:00 Women’s Fellowship – Social Hall
- Nov. 16** 7:00 Session – ZOOM
- Nov. 19** 10:00 Leaf cleanup at Dixie’s home
- Nov. 20** 9:30 Bell Choir – classroom
10:30 Worship with Rev. Beverly Crow
Christ Jar Offering
- Nov. 22** 7:00 Deacons Meeting – ZOOM
- Nov. 24** THANKSGIVING – *Give thanks!*
- Nov. 27** First Sunday of Advent
9:30 Bell Choir – classroom
10:30 Worship with Rev. David Horn
- Dec. 3** 5:00 All Church Christmas Party at Lane’s home

JKPC CELEBRATIONS			
November Birthdays			
2	Tim Noland	22	Joan Allen
November Anniversary			
25	Glen & Bronwyn Curtis		

The sanctuary and entry area are equipped with a hearing loop to assist those with compatible hearing aids.
If you need assistance, please let us know.
Large print bulletins are available on the entry table.

*We worship on the traditional grounds of the Kalapuya people and their many tribes.
We are grateful to their elders, past and present, who have stewarded this land
through the generations.*

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We want to hear from each of you as we begin to develop the 2023 budget. Your answers to these questions will be valuable. **Please complete this and drop it in the offering basket today.** You may add your name or remain anonymous. Thank you!! ***If you did not attend worship on November 13, we would be happy to receive your responses by mail or email.***

LOOKING OUTWARD

Our current mission efforts/partners include:

- ✝ Congregations Helping People (Christ Jars, budget item)
- ✝ Keizer Community Food Bank (money, food drives)
- ✝ Backpack Buddies (peanut butter, directed donations)
- ✝ Oregon DHS/Child Welfare gift cards
- ✝ PC(USA) Special Offerings: Christmas Joy, One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost, Peace and Global Witness, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
- ✝ Use of our building by non-profit groups for meetings and activities

Do you have suggestions for a new/different mission effort you would support with time, energy, or money? Should it replace one of the existing missions? *Continue on the back if you need more space.*

How can JKPC be the hands and feet of God in our neighborhood, county, and state in 2023? *Continue on the back if you need more space.*

LOOKING INWARD Fellowship is an important part of the JKPC culture. As we returned from pandemic shut-down, we committed to continuing fellowship once a month on Birthday Sunday. Various groups and individuals have taken the initiative to host fellowship on other Sundays as they can.

Is having **weekly** fellowship time important to you?

- YES NOT REALLY

If yes, how would you help increase the frequency?

- Bring refreshments
- Help set up before worship
- Help serve
- Help clean up (remember, we have a dishwasher!)
- I would attend but can't assist at this time.

Please add any comments on the back.

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