

John Knox Presbyterian Church
February 15, 2026
Transfiguration Sunday



*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**

based on Psalm 99

*Our God is holy and mighty, a leader who loves justice,
who established honesty, justice, and righteousness.*

God has done this! We exalt you, O God!

We worship at your footstool. You are holy!

*Miriam, Moses and Aaron were among them, and Samuel, too
was among those who invoked the Name;
they called on God, and God answered them.*

**We exalt you, O Lord our God,
and we worship you at your holy mountain;
for you, O God, are holy!**

*** Hymn**

"Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain"

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*** Call to Confession and Silent Prayer**

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

God of radiant light, we confess that we are a people who are sometimes too comfortable dwelling in darkness. We say we want things to change, that we do not accept the way things are. But, in reality, we want someone else to take care of the changing. We resist transformation and sometimes do not even believe it is possible. Forgive our unbelief. Soften our hearts toward one another and ourselves. May your Spirit move through and among us. Make us light bearers for your sake, and for the sake of your people. Amen.

*** Words of Forgiveness**

***Sung Response**

“We Are Standing on Holy Ground”

#2272
twice

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Exodus 24: 12-18

NRSV

¹²The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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

Time with our Young and Growing

Gospel Reading

Matthew 17: 1-9

NRSV

¹Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

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Sermon

“Holy Interruptions”

Rev. Maggie Lewis

*** Hymn**

“Transform Us”

#2153

RESPONDING TO GOD’S CALL

Church and Community Life

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Call for the Offering

Offertory

“I Believe”

Anna Robinson

***Sung Response** “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

#607

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People

Response for the people's prayers:

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Response for the pastoral prayer:

Our God is a God who hears us. We will not be afraid.

The Lord's Prayer

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

*** Sending Song**

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

#339

*** Charge and Blessing**

Please be seated to enjoy the postlude.

Postlude

Liturgist: Doug Anderson

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 today. A few printed copies of the annual report are available on the table in the narthex. It is also available on our website or in your email on January 31.

NOMINEES for the 2026 Nominating Committee will be presented for election in today's meeting. Nominees are Joan Allen, Vallory Bunday, CJ High, Anna Robinson, and Rosemary Willhite.

UPDATED CHURCH DIRECTORY A copy of the new church directory is available for you in the narthex. Please check your name off the list.

PER CAPITA 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 donations will help us keep our budget focused on our mission here at JKPC while we are also supporting the presbytery's work in the region.

PDA BLUE SHIRT SUNDAY is next Sunday, Feb. 22. The first Sunday in Lent is designated "Wear your blue T-shirt to church Sunday" as a testament to the many ways Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) makes a difference around the world when disaster strikes. Thousands of volunteers each year put on a blue T-shirt that reads, "Out of chaos, hope." The volunteers bring not only ladders and drywall for rebuilding, but also the love of God.

"I think the blue shirt means different things to different people. I think to survivors of disaster, I think they see the blue shirts as a symbol of hope," said Gail Farnham, a member of the PDA National Response Team.

Many congregations have not had an opportunity to “earn” blue PDA T-shirts through volunteer work team efforts but are supporting the ministry of PDA through financial gifts, actions and prayers. John Knox takes a special offering next week that is dedicated to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to support this critical mission outreach of the PC(USA).

We also take a picture of the congregation immediately after worship – all are encouraged to participate, even if you forget to wear your blue shirt (but try to remember!).

CHRIST JAR OFFERING received today supports **Congregations Helping People**. Once a month, on the third Sunday, we gather coins (and we’ll take paper money and checks, too!) to support this organization that contributes toward meeting emergency needs of our Salem-Keizer neighbors. JKPC also supports CHP with a \$100/month line item in our budget.

CHP’s work assisting our neighbors in need is reflected in their 2025 statistics. They served **351** families in 2025. 71 families were able to stay in their homes for at least 30 more days. 229 families avoided utility disconnections, 28 people were assisted with IDs or birth certificates, and 23 others were helped with other miscellaneous needs. Support from 11 local churches and numerous individuals resulted in contributions of \$74,710 which allowed CHP to invest \$54,642 toward keeping people safely in their homes. They received a total of \$86,421 in requests, so there is a gap that they would love to bridge. In addition to financial support, four people volunteer office support Monday-Thursday mornings (including Sheila) and others help apply for grants. Your support is welcome and appreciated.

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!

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. The food bank can also use any reusable grocery bags. Take them to the food bank on Monday or Wednesdays around noon. You are always welcome to bring food to our cart any time, and volunteers are always needed to serve our hungry neighbors or to help stock shelves when food is received. See the KCFB Facebook page or website at keizercommunityfoodbank.org for more information. You can also donate on-line on their website.

Looking Ahead

Feb. 16 9 am – 3 pm Officers Retreat at JKPC

Feb. 18 Ash Wednesday – no service at JKPC

First Pres: 5:30 pm service

Westminster: 12-1 and 5-6,

stations with ashes and communion

Feb. 22 10:30 Worship – First Sunday in Lent

****PDA Blue Shirt Sunday****

Special PDA Offering and congregational picture

March 1 10:30 Worship with Communion

Second Sunday in Lent

March 8 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

10:30 Worship- Third Sunday in Lent

February Birthdays					
5	Paul A.	18	Paul W.	26	Jacob C.
7	Doug A.			28	Betty C.

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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.*