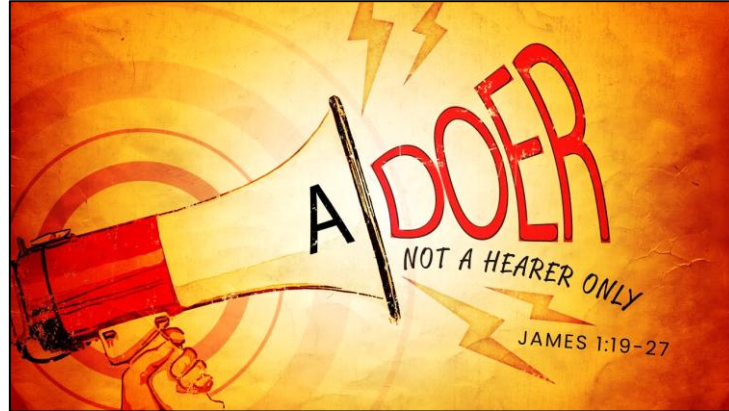


John Knox Presbyterian Church
August 31, 2025 12th Sunday after Pentecost



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

GATHERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Sung Prelude

Everyone please join Anna!

Come, All You People #388 with 2 additional verses: #2 – Savior #3 – Spirit
God Welcomes All #399

Words of Welcome

*The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.***

*** Call to Worship**

*O God, you are the gathering one
**who calls us into community
with each other
to love and work,
to support and heal.***

*You are the gathering one
**who calls us into community
with all people;
to bring justice and hope,
freedom and truth.***

*You are the gathering one
**who calls us into community
with the whole creation;
to live in harmony,
to cherish and renew.***

Let us worship the God who makes us one.

*** Hymn**

“God is Here!”

#409

Call to Confession

Silent Prayer

Words of Forgiveness

* Response

“The Tide of God’s Great Mercy”

tune #109

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

Time with God’s Children/Minute for Mission

Prayer for Illumination

Epistle Reading

James 1: 19-27

NRSVUE

and The Message

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

Sermon

Words of Life

Rev. Maggie Lewis
and Elder Eileen Sheelar

* Hymn

“Weave”

see projection/handout

RESPONDING TO GOD’S CALL

Church and Community Life

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Sung Offertory

“Together We Serve”

#767 v. 1-3

* Sung Response

“Together We Serve”

#767 v. 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

“God, You Love the World”

see projection, tune #765

* Charge and Blessing

Please be seated to enjoy the postlude.

Postlude

“They’ll Know We Are Christians”

Arr. Mark Hayes

Liturgist: Vallory Bunday

Music Director: Anna Robinson

Pastor: Rev. Maggie Lewis

Pianist: Bethany Cozort

Church and Community Life

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 website at keizercommunityfoodbank.org or their Facebook page for more information, or contact Sheila or Teresa.

HELP WANTED!!! Keizer Community Food Bank is looking for a RELIABLE contract worker to help with food bank set up, tear down, receiving deliveries and other activities. The individual will need to be available Mondays from 12-7 pm, Wednesdays from 10 am until 2 pm, and Thursdays from 7:30 am until noon. KCFB is located at Crossroads Church, 4505 River Road N. For more information, including compensation, please contact Jim at 503-931-7612.

APPOINTMENTS WITH MAGGIE are available any time via Zoom, phone, or in person. She is generally in Keizer on Thursdays (but not always!). Just let her know you'd like to visit and you can make plans that work for both of you.

Looking Ahead

Mon. Sept 1 LABOR DAY

Sun. Sept 7 10:30 Worship with Communion
First Sunday of Season of Peace

Sat. Sept 13 3:00-5:00 Ice Cream Social at JKPC



You are invited! If you are able, please sign up to help set up or tear down and bring goodies to share!

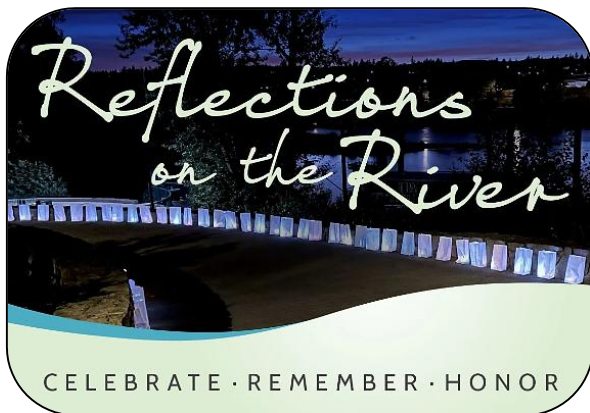
Sun. Sept. 14 10:30 Worship

Thurs. Sept 18 7:30-9 pm Reflections on the River

September Celebrations

Birthdays

1	Bill F. #102	14	Janet A.
5	Linda G. .	24	Glen C.
Anniversaries			
3	Mike & Judi L.	27	Paul & Joan A.



SALEM RIVERFRONT PARK


Thursday, Sept. 18, 2025 7:30-9:00 pm

Willamette Vital Health invites you to their 9th annual luminaria event to remember and honor loved ones who have died. Follow the luminaria lit pathways that include grief support activities and music for the whole family. Wander through the reflective labyrinth while listening to music and celebrate the memory of a loved one with a personalized luminaria. Gather at 9pm for a heartfelt rendition of Taps.

More information and an opportunity to purchase personalized luminarias (\$10 each) for the River Walk can be found at wvh.org/Reflections. Proceeds benefit their Community Grief Care programs. Information cards are on the table in the narthex (entry area).

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**452 Cummings
Lane North**





**YOU ARE
INVITED**

ICE CREAM SOCIAL
Saturday
September 13, 2025
3:00—5:00
Church parking lot

Check out our
Little Free
Library
located in front
of the church

*Take a book
Leave a book
Love a book
Keep a book*





**John Knox
Community Garden**

Check out the public
nibbling boxes.
Ask how you can have a
plot next year.

Mission Committee donated our portion of this year's Pentecost Offering to **Punx with Purpose**, a non-profit organization in Salem that focuses on supporting our community's at-risk youth. We thought you might like to know a little more about it. This information is from their website at <https://punxwithpurpose.org/>



Punx With Purpose provides first hand perspective on the challenges threatening our youth today. Peers with lived experience will empower the youth of Marion and Polk Counties by meeting them where they are. PWP seeks to create community and provide safer spaces where our youth can gather and receive the resources they need to succeed as they grow into functional community members.

PWP puts on events and resource pop-ups in Polk and Marion Counties to connect youths ages 11-18 with resources. Our largest event is the annual PUNX IN THE PARK RESOURCE FAIR AND CONCERT, held August 31 (today!) at Riverfront Park and Amphitheater. It is a FREE event open to the public at Riverfront Park and Amphitheater in downtown Salem that includes:

- Free meals for youth ages 11-18 from amazing local food trucks.
- Live Punk Show with local bands selected by our youth community.
- Access to “Elder Punx” on site for mentorship.
- An event rich with 50+ community resource booths.
- Youth Speakers sharing lived experiences and personal success stories.
- Free clothing closet for youth ages 11-18.
- Band booths for meet and greets.
- Build-A-Punk Hair Station
- Battle Vest Creative Tent
- Merch Booths and giveaways.
- And so much more!

We are recording this service and it will be available on our website for two weeks. Copyrighted music is projected and recorded under One License #A-735693, CCL#3162413, or by permission of the author or publisher.

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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