

John Knox Presbyterian Church

January 11, 2026

Baptism of the Lord Sunday
Ordination and Installation of Officers



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

GATHERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

“Resting in God’s Arms”

arr. Mark Hayes

Words of Welcome

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

Call to Worship

Here is my servant, says the Holy One,
the one in whom my soul delights.

God’s Spirit rests upon him,
bringing justice with gentleness and hope.

He does not cry out or crush what is fragile.
He lifts the bruised reed; he tends the dimly burning wick.

We come to worship the God who names us

beloved and calls us into light.

Let us worship the Lord, who creates, who calls,
who delights in us.

* Hymn

“O God in Whom All Life Begins”

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* Invitation to Confession

* Silent Prayer

* = Standing as able Italics = Leader **Bold** = People

*** Unison Prayer of Confession**

We are incredibly stubborn, O Lord.

We have entered the season in which Your Light has been given to the world, your blessings have been poured out on the world, and yet all we can think about is our own problems, our own needs, our own desires.

Help us to desire you, Lord.

Help us to yearn for your presence. Pour your baptismal waters over us again, cleansing us from our self-pity and arrogance. Nourish and heal us so that we may joyfully serve you. Wash away our jealousy, greed, and all negative thoughts and behaviors that stand in the way of our truly being the people you have called us to be. Again let us receive the blessings offered in creation, in the birth and baptism of Jesus, and in the ministry of the saints of light. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

*** Words of Assurance**

***Sung Response**

"The Tide of God's Great Mercy"

Verses 1-2

see projection or music handout

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Isaiah 42: 1-9

NRSV

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick
he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens
and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth
and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the LORD,
I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,

to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

I am the LORD, that is my name;

my glory I give to no other,

nor my praise to idols.

See, the former things have come to pass,

and new things I now declare;

before they spring forth,

I tell you of them.

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

Time with our Young and Growing

Gospel Reading

Matthew 3: 13-17

NRSV

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John
at the Jordan, to be baptized by him.

John would have prevented him, saying,

“I need to be baptized by you,
and do you come to me?”

But Jesus answered him,

“Let it be so now; for it is proper for us
in this way to fulfill all righteousness.”

Then he consented.

And when Jesus had been baptized,
just as he came up from the water,
suddenly the heavens were opened to him
and he saw the Spirit of God descending
like a dove and alighting on him.

And a voice from heaven said,

“This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom
I am well pleased.”

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

Sermon

Rev. Maggie Lewis

* Hymn

“Down Galilee’s Slow Roadways”

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RESPONDING TO GOD’S CALL

Ordination and Installation of New Officers

Recognition of Previous Service

Litany of Gifts

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God,

but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way,

but it is God’s purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

Statement on Ordination

Introduction of Officers

Reaffirming our Baptismal Vow *see slides*

Confession of Faith *see slides*

Thanksgiving for Baptism *see slides*

Constitutional Questions

Prayer of Ordination and Installation *see slides*

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

Welcome

Hymn “Lord, When I Came Into This Life” #691

Church and Community Life

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Call for the Offering

Offertory “How Gentle God’s Commands” Sally DeFord

*** Sung Response** “For the Life That You Have Given”

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***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** “Let There Be Peace on Earth” *see projection*

*** Charge and Blessing**

Please be seated to enjoy the postlude.

Postlude “Love at Home” arr. Sally DeFord

Liturgist: Sheila Cunningham

Pastor: Rev. Maggie Lewis

Music Director: Anna Robinson

Pianist: Bethany Cozort

Church and Community Life

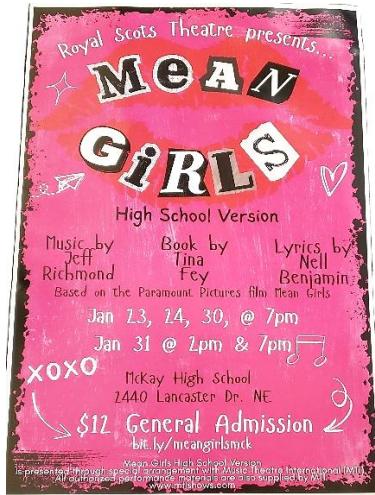
TODAY WE ORDAIN AND INSTALL newly elected officers. Vallory Bunday will be installed for her second term on session, and Dixie Schafer will be installed for a one-year term as a deacon. We will ordain and install Sheila Cunningham as a deacon for her first term in that office. We recognize and honor the past service of Beth Neal, who has completed her term on session, as well as Sheila, Vallory and Dixie’s previous service. We are grateful for all who serve as officers.

A NEW DIRECTORY will be coming out in the next month or so. Please let Eileen know in person or by email or phone if your directory information has changed or if you’d like to update your picture.

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. You are always

welcome to bring food to the grocery 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. Thank you!



Royal Scots Theatre presents Mean Girls, High School version.

Jan 23, 24, 30 @ 7 pm

Jan 31 @ 2 pm & 7 pm

McKay High School 2440 Lancaster Dr NE

\$12 General Admission, bit.ly/meangirlsmck

See Cariana if you have questions.

Looking Ahead

Jan. 12 7:00 Administration Committee via Zoom
Jan. 18 10:30 Worship – Christ Jar Offering and Birthday Celebration
Jan. 19 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday
Jan. 21 7:00 Session meeting via Zoom

January Birthdays

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Liz Valente is a liturgical artist, wife and mother of 4 children; she has a master's degree in architecture and urbanism and is a professor of drawing for training architects at higher education levels. She works on several artistic fronts, such as theatre, visual arts and music, having created the album "Pipa Amarela", released in 2013. She has worked with teenagers and young people at the Presbyterian Church of Viçosa, where her husband serves as a pastor. In her spare time, she writes prayers with accompanying art images and shares them on Instagram. <https://www.instagram.com/donalizvalente/>

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.

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.

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