



**John Knox
Presbyterian Church**

November 20, 2022

**Guest Preacher
Rev. Beverly Crow**

*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

“We All Believe”

Tune LEVERETT by Robert J. Weaver
setting by William Allen Pasch and Robert J. Weaver

Words of Welcome

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

Prelude

“Come and Follow Me”

Robert S. Cohen

*** Call to Worship**

Out of the fullness of the lives God has given us, we have come to worship and to praise.

**With thanks we offer to God the creativity of our minds,
the warmth of our hearts, and the joy of our spirits.**

We love because God has first loved us, freeing us from the power of sin and death.

With glad hearts let us join together in singing praise to God:

Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit. Amen

*** Hymn**

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Verses 1, 2, 3, 6

#15

*** Call to Confession**

God is the witness to our lives, the One who sees all we do and fail to do, the One who hears what we say, and don't. God is also the One who cleanses us, who forgives us. Join me as we pray to God, first in silence, and then together:

*** Community Prayer of Confession**

**God of mercy, as we gather to celebrate
your gift of love and of life,
we recall the times we forget you,
the times we are divided one from another.
We remember the thoughts, words and actions
that have betrayed our good intentions to follow you.**

**Forgive us, we pray.
Mend what is broken. Heal what is wounded.
Restore our separation from You and from all others.
Return us to the ways of living that Jesus taught,
and in whose name we pray. Amen**

*** Sung Assurance of Forgiveness** “All Creatures of Our God and King” Verse 4 #15

WE RECEIVE THE WORD

Time with Our Children Rev. Beverly Crow

Sung Psalm (Psalm 46) “A Mighty Fortress is Our God” #275

Gospel Reading Luke 1: 67-80 NRSV

Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy:

“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.
He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David,
as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,
that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.
Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors,
and has remembered his holy covenant,
the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,
to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies,
might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.
And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins.
By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

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

Sermon “Celebrating the Story” Rev. Beverly Crow

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

*** Hymn** “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” #803

Prayers of the People

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

The Lord’s Prayer Traditional

Church and Community Life

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Call for the Offering

Giving God, we give You thanks and praise for all of Your gifts to us. We know that you are the source of every good thing, light and love come from You. You have created us, and you continue to breathe life

into us through the power of Your Holy Spirit. You have given us so much, and it is because we recognize the gifts You have given to us that we now give to the work of Your kingdom.

Offertory "A Mighty Fortress" arr. Faye Lopez

* **Response** "We Give Thee But Thine Own" v. 1 & 4 #708

* **Prayer of Dedication**

We now dedicate this offering to the work of Your kingdom here on earth. May this collection be used wisely, so that Your love may be known widely. As we dedicate this offering, we offer ourselves too, for these gifts of money are but tokens of ourselves. Take and use us, that our hands may reach out in service, our feet may walk the difficult path of reconciliation, and our words may be words of peace. For this we pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

WE GO FORTH TO PRACTICE OUR FAITH

* **Sending Song** "Will You Come and Follow Me" #2184

* **Charge and Blessing**

Please be seated to enjoy the postlude.

Postlude "A Mighty Fortress" (con't) arr. Faye Lopez

* = Standing <i>Italic = Leader</i> Bold = People
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*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!*

Liturgist: Lane Oxley
Pianist: Bethany Cozort

Guest Preacher: Rev. Beverly Crow
Music Director: Anna Robinson

Church and Community Life

PLEASE WELCOME Rev. Beverly Crow, a retired Presbyterian minister and a long-time friend of this congregation, to our pulpit today.

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT FORMS can be returned any time. Your commitment helps us plan for God's work in Keizer in 2023 and beyond.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP TIME today after worship to visit with Beverly and each other. Beverly serves on the Presbytery Warm Springs Task Force and can also share information and news about the Warm Springs Church.

UPDATED DIRECTORIES are available on the table in the narthex.

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

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.

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 members and friends who are not here with us today.

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.

SALEM COMMUNITY CHORUS HOLIDAY CONCERTS
Director: Anna Robinson Accompanist: Adam Robinson
 Saturday, Dec. 3, at 3:00 pm: Salem Public Library,
 Loucks Auditorium
 Monday, Dec. 5, at 6:30 pm: St Mark Lutheran, Salem
 Sunday, Dec. 11, at 4:00 pm: Christ’s Church,
 412 Clay St W, Monmouth
JUST FOR FUN SINGERS CONCERT (*Lane sings with them*)
 Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 12:00 pm: First Christian Church
 Salem

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP OUR NEIGHBORS

BACKPACK BUDDIES – donate jars of peanut butter (or money toward them) to send home monthly with the Cummings students who receive our weekend bags of food.

KEIZER COMMUNITY FOOD BANK – Breakfast foods such as cereal and oatmeal are very appreciated by clients. Monetary donations are always accepted.

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE recycles pull tabs from drink and food cans to support the families who stay there.

GIFT CARDS FOR YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE – Donate money to JKPC toward the purchase of gift cards that will be given to youth in foster care by their caseworkers so the kids have the freedom to choose their own items to purchase – clothing or shoes, makeup, games, fast food or coffee – things that help them feel like just another kid! Mark your donations “gift cards.” The deadline is December 11.

WATER FOR WARM SPRINGS – Donations to JKPC can be designated to help purchase clean water for Warm Springs. Providing clean water costs \$4500/week. The need is ongoing, and all support is very appreciated!

FREE TOY SWAP – Bring gently used, clean toys to Keizer City Hall or Salem Public Library **before Friday, December 2**. On Sunday, December 4, from 11 am – 1 pm, there will be a toy swap at Keizer City Hall to help people save money, reduce waste, and bring joy to someone for Christmas.

Looking Ahead

TODAY After worship: Birthday Celebration in Social Hall; visit with Rev. Crow
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
Dec. 4 9:30 Bell Choir – classroom
 10:30 Worship with Communion

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

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

The “First Thanksgiving” Myth

History on North America didn't begin with the Mayflower. Indigenous peoples here weren't frozen in a stone-aged existence until Europeans arrived. They already had a dynamic past, countless generations old, that shaped who they were, and what they did including how they responded to the English. They already inhabited a very old world. It was described by the Pilgrims and those who tried to exploit the land before them as being full of villages, roads, cornfields, historical monuments, cemeteries, and forests cleared of underbrush. The Thanksgiving myth always depicts the Indigenous peoples of America as fearful and scared by the invaders but in fact, they were the stronger of the two parties. The Thanksgiving myth played a minor role in this relationship. Far more influential in shaping the alliance between Wampanoag (WAM-PA-NOG) and English were conflicts, stories filled with violence and power politics. The colonists had everything to lose. The Indigenous people did not. For more information on the Thanksgiving myth, see

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/thanksgiving-myth-and-what-we-should-be-teaching-kids-180973655/>

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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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