



John Knox Presbyterian Church

Reformation Sunday
October 25, 2026

GATHERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" Arr. Colleen Adent

Words of Welcome

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

Hymn "All People That On Earth Do Dwell" tune #385
See projection for updated text

* Call to Worship

*The Reformed church was not born from a desire for comfort,
but from the need for faithfulness.*

It was not born to preserve privilege, but to proclaim good news.

It was not born complete. It was born reforming.

Ecclesia reformata, semper reformanda.

Today we worship God, who still speaks, still calls, and still opens new paths.

*** Hymn** "God of Grace and God of Glory" #307

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

PIANO SIDE: God of renewal, we confess that many times we resist
the movement of your Spirit.

PULPIT SIDE: We cling to certainty when you call us into trust.

We protect our comfort when you call us into solidarity.

We choose silence when witness becomes costly.

PIANO SIDE: We confess the sins of the church:

the wounds of colonialism, racism, exclusion, violence,
patriarchy, greed, and the ways faith has too often
been used to dominate instead of liberate.

PULPIT SIDE: Too often we have spoken of hope without practicing justice.

We have prayed for peace while tolerating, even perpetuating, systems of cruelty.

We have proclaimed unity while remaining distant from one another's pain.

TOGETHER: Forgive us when our theology becomes indifferent, when our worship
becomes disconnected from suffering, when our institutions fear change and decline more
than injustice.

Sermon Rev. Maggie Lewis

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God, Creator of all that is, and Jesus Christ, who reconciles all things in the power of God's love.

We believe in the Holy Spirit that continues to reform the church and disturb the world. We believe in the church, called to be a sign of unity, an instrument of reconciliation, and a witness to God's justice.

We believe faith is not escape from the world but courage to live differently within it. Therefore:

**In times of war, we will proclaim peace with justice
and seek reconciliation without betraying the truth.**

In times of hatred, we will defend human dignity.

In times of hunger, we will share bread and resist greed.

**In times of forced migration,
we will widen the table and cross borders of fear.**

**In times of racism and exclusion,
we will proclaim that every person bears sacred worth,
for in Christ we belong to one another.**

**In times of ecological devastation,
we will stand with the earth, which groans for healing.**

In times of despair, we will stubbornly practice hope.

For we are not alone. The Spirit still moves.

Christ still calls. God still reforms.

Though perplexed, we are not crushed.

Though wounded, we are not defeated.

Though fragile, we bear witness.

**Led by the Spirit, we move together
toward unity, reconciliation, justice,
communion, and life. Amen**

*** Hymn** "Hope of the World" #734

RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL

Church and Community Life

Presbytery Report

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory "Fairest Lord Jesus"

*** Sung Response** "God, We Honor You" #709

*** Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

Please remember to use first names only to protect the privacy of those for whom we offer prayers.

The Lord's Prayer

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

* Sending Song

"Sent Out in Jesus' Name"

#2184

Benediction

Please remain seated to enjoy the postlude

Postlude

"A Mighty Fortress"

Arr. Colleen Adent

Pastor: Rev. Maggie Lewis

Pianist: Melissa Terrall

Liturgist: Doug Anderson

Music Director: Anna Robinson

Church and Community Life

SAVE the DATE! December 19 is the all-church Christmas Party, from noon – 4 pm.

POTENTIAL CUMMINGS CLOSURE There is a community group working to advocate against the closure of Cummings and would like to ask for your help. They have a petition started and a Facebook group to coordinate action. Petition: change.org/savecummingsselementary
Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1DZyqgundJ/>

We have advised the organizer that we will publicize the information in the bulletin, but as a church, we cannot promote any particular action. However, we encourage your personal participation in community discussions and actions as you are called. Sheila and Jenn, Backpack Buddies coordinators for Cummings, have prepared and delivered candy bars with notes of appreciation and support for each staff person at Cummings.

JKPC October Birthdays

Oct. 1: Cariana H.

Oct. 24: Shirley B.

Oct. 14: Rosemary W.

(103!!)

Looking Ahead

Nov. 1 10:30 Worship with Holy Communion
Rev. Steven Hammond

Nov. 8 10:30 Worship
Receive and dedicate pledges

What does "*Ecclesia reformata, semper reformanda*" mean in the Call to Worship?

God's agency and initiative have priority in this motto. The Latin verb is passive, and it is much better translated as "always being reformed" or "always to be reformed." Theologian Harold Nebelsick put it well: "We are the recipients of the activity of the Holy Spirit which reforms the church in accordance with the Word of God." The church is God's church, a creature of God's Word and Spirit. As we say in our *Brief Statement of Faith*, "we belong to God." God's Word and Spirit guide the church's forming and reforming.

The Presbyterian *Book of Order*, in the chapter "The Church and Its Confessions," follows the mistranslation but is on target with its theological interpretation. It says: "The church, in obedience to Jesus Christ, is open to the reform of its standards of doctrine as well as of governance. The church affirms '*Ecclesia reformata, semper reformanda*,' that is, 'the church reformed, always reforming,' according to the Word of God and the call of the Spirit." That last phrase is crucial in clarifying both the direction (and the Director!) of the church's reform.

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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.*

We are recording this service and it will be available on our website for two weeks.



UPDATE FROM KEIZER COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

Hi, All,

This is Jim Johnson, Chair of Keizer Community Food Bank (KCFB). I have been Chair for 9 years.

KCFB has been in existence as a charity (a 501(c)3 tax exempt company) since about 2005. Prior to 2005, John Knox Presbyterian Church (JKPC) operated the food bank as part of their local mission. This began about 1988. By about 2000, the capacity limit was attained at JKPC. At that time JKPC joined with 4 other churches (Clear Lake Methodist, Keizer Church of Christ, St. Edwards Catholic, and Faith Lutheran) to create KCFB. The location was moved to Faith Lutheran Church so more clients could be served.

KCFB is totally manned by volunteers. All monies donated are used to purchase food over and above the food provided to us by Marion Polk Food Share (MPFS), as required.

KCFB is a pantry partner to MPFS and Oregon Food Bank (OFB). All of our work is directed by US Department of Agriculture (USDA).

KCFB's mission is to provide food boxes to the food insecure of Marion and Polk Counties. The only qualification to receive food boxes is to meet income guidelines defined by USDA. [We qualify each client at registration. No documentation is required.]

We have seen major increases in clients using KCFB since 2017. In 2017, we were limited to serving not more than 30 clients per distribution. During the COVID pandemic we modified our distribution methods and were able to expand those served to about 85

clients. Since the end of COVID the number of clients per distribution has continued to increase and KCFB continues to adapt to serve more clients per distribution. In September 2026, we averaged 170 clients served per distribution. On October 15, we provided 225 food boxes. More could have been served but we ran out of food.

In 2024, Faith Lutheran sold the church facilities to Crossroads Fellowship. Crossroads agreed to permit KCFB to continue to operate the food bank in our existing space.

The food needs continue to have increasing numbers. As a result, the space that we operate in needs to expand to meet the need. Crossroads' ministry is expanding and they have need of the space we occupy. Crossroads suggested that we modify the garage so we can completely move into the modified garage.

This project includes modifying the building size from 24' x 24' to 24' x 54' totally dedicated to food handling. This includes full HVAC conditioning, installation of a walk-in cooler and walk-in freezer to increase our storage capacity, addition of a storage container to store any non-food items we use. This should allow us to serve more than 300 clients per distribution (as a conservative estimate).

The total project costs are estimated and planned to be about \$350,000. We had been given 'starter' funds from Faith Lutheran in January 2025 of \$195,000. A fantastic contribution! That means we need about \$155,000 to complete this project. This is a big ASK. We intend to be completed by June 2027.

I am appealing to the communities we serve to donate these funds. Help us continue to serve the food insecure. We will partner with you to raise the money via special events if desired.

Donations can be via mailed checks to the food bank. Cash contributions can be accepted Mondays and Wednesdays about noon at the food bank. On-line we have a GiveBox associated with our Facebook account.

(<https://www.facebook.com/KeizerCommunityFoodBank>)

Please indicate that the funds are for the BUILDING FUND.

Distributions	Setup and receiving pallets of goods
Mondays 5 PM to 7 PM	Mondays 10:30 AM to 1 PM
Thursdays 9 AM to 11 AM	Wednesdays 11 AM to 2 PM

Volunteers are welcome for any time listed.

Address: 4505 River Rd N, Keizer 97303 Phone: 503-931-7612

Thank you for your generous giving. We cannot do our mission without your donations.

If you have any questions, contact us at this email address, phone, or visit our facilities.

Thank you so much!!!!

Sincerely,
Jim Johnson