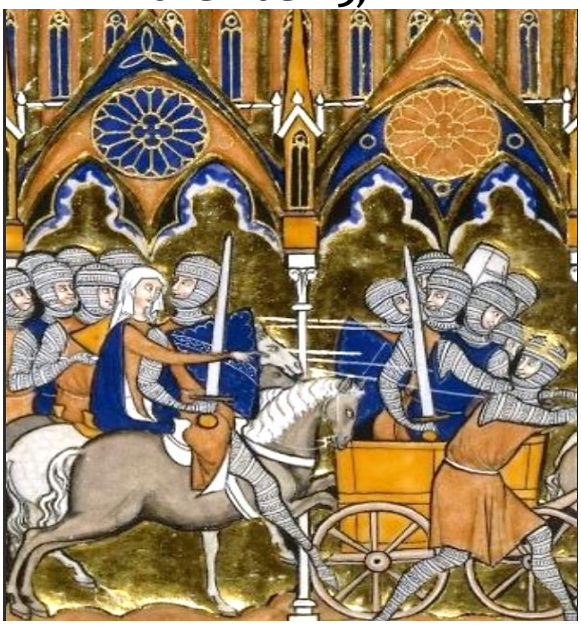
John Knox Presbyterian Church
November 15, 2026



Deborah Sends Barak into Battle – Manuscript illumination from the Psalter of St. Louis, created in the 13th century, Anonymous

Please be seated and prepare your hearts and minds for worship

GATHERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude "Great is Thy Faithfulness" Arr. Melissa Terrall

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

*** Call to Worship**
We lift up our eyes to the Lord!
Knowing our creator meets us in this time of worship.
We lift up our eyes to the Lord!
Trusting our redeemer to meet us with forgiveness and renewal.
We lift up our eyes to the Lord!
Relying on our sustainer to build us up for lives of love and service.
Let us worship together this day!

*** Hymn** "Rejoice, the Lord is King!" #363

*** Call to Reconciliation**

*** Unison Prayer for Forgiveness**
Loving God, you are generous in the many ways you have gifted us. We have so many blessings be grateful for. Yet we are often motivated by fear, rather than our trust in you. We hold onto what we have, afraid we will never have enough. We become focused on protection rather than your call to welcome and love others. We see our blessings as our own, rather than seeing your care in each gift.
Forgive us, God of grace. Forgive us and restore us to your vision for the world, we pray. Amen.

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

*** Assurance of Grace**

*** Sung Response** "Glory to God" #583
One time together, then twice in a round

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Psalm 123: 1-4 NRSV
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Time with Our Young and Growing Ones

Second Reading Judges 4: 1-10, 23 NRSV
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Rev. Maggie Lewis

*** Hymn** "For the Faithful Who Have Answered" #2186

RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL

Church and Community Life

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory "Rock of Ages" Augustus Toplady

*** Sung Response** "We Are An Offering" #710

*** 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** "The Trees of the Field" (2x) #80

*** Charge**

*** Benediction**

Please remain seated to enjoy the postlude

Postlude "I Will Sing of My Redeemer" P. P. Bliss

Pastor: Rev. Maggie Lewis Pianist: Melissa Terrall
Liturgist: Mary Jo Emmett Music Director: Anna Robinson

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

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.

Church and Community Life

Please join us in the social hall after worship today to celebrate November birthdays and anniversaries.

KEIZER COMMUNITY FOOD BANK **Our** Fall Food Bank Promotion is CANNED VEGGIES & CANNED BEANS. If you find bargain prices, please share your discovery with others, perhaps during announcements.

The Food Bank is no longer buying paper goods but will gladly distribute what is donated.

Volunteers are needed for Monday's set-up (2-3 hours) and distribution from 4 -7pm. Volunteers are also very welcome on Thursday mornings – traditionally, JKPC's day. Keizer Christian Church will no longer be volunteering on the third Mondays, so new volunteers are welcome and needed. Food Bank Council meetings are 2nd Tuesdays – see Teresa or Sheila for more information.

If you can't volunteer, another way to help food banks 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. You may also donate on-line on their website at keizercommunityfoodbank.org. The food bank can also use any reusable grocery bags. You are always welcome to bring food to our cart any time. See the KCFB Facebook page or website at for more information.

Your continued support of JKPC with regular giving is a sign of faith and gratitude as we join our resources and lives in shared ministry. Your gifts are a living witness to God's abundance among us. If you have any questions about your giving or our finances, please see Bronwyn. If you have not yet returned your financial commitment for 2027, we'll be happy to receive it any time.

CHRIST JAR OFFERING received today supports Congregations Helping People (CHP). 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 to meeting emergency needs of our Salem-Keizer neighbors. Your giving allows CHP to remain open four days a week to help struggling community members with screened assistance and maintain a solid base of operations while we share your love and compassion for our neighbors.

PIES FOR CHP There are a few pies left for sale to benefit CHP. Some pumpkin pies and mini-pies (mostly apple) are still available; any donations will be accepted.

GIFT CARDS FOR YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE Providing gift cards for youth in foster care is one way we can express our love and care for those in challenging situations. The gift cards allow youth the freedom of choice to buy items they want or need for themselves or for their families. Your generous donations last year provided $3,725 worth of gift cards for these youth. Donations for Bronwyn to purchase gift cards can be made any time between now and **December 6**. We purchase cards from places that teens frequent such as Winco, Target, McDonald's, Subway, Taco Bell, Dutch Bros., and Ulta Beauty. Then child welfare workers distribute the cards based on individual circumstances. The cards will be purchased and delivered to ODHS the week of Dec. 6.

Westminster Presbyterian Church is hiring a lead teacher for their Sunday children's program. Please help spread the word. Perhaps you have a friend, a neighbor or a work

colleague who would be a great fit. The pay is $175 per Sunday.
Information: salemwestpres.org/careers

YOU ARE INVITED TO BREAKFAST with renowned author and speaker Jonathan Wilson Hartgrove on Thursday, Nov. 19 at 8:00 a.m. Jonathan is part of the leadership team at Yale University's Center for Public Theology and Public Policy, co-author of Our Moral Moment on Substack, and recently published Revolution of Values: Reclaiming Public Faith for the Common Good. More details: https://www.salemwestpres.org/

Warming Season is Here

Warming season is underway, and volunteers for Salem and Dallas Warming Centers are urgently needed. From November 1 through March 31, Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action's ARCHES Project provides a warm, welcoming place for neighbors experiencing homeless-ness when temperatures reach 32°F or below. Volunteers are essential to this work, and faith communities have long been valued partners in caring for our neighbors.

Here's what prospective volunteers should know:

- **Four-hour shifts**, with volunteers choosing opportunities that fit their availability.
- No previous experience necessary; training and on-site ARCHES staff support are provided.
- Volunteers help welcome guests, prepare spaces, distribute supplies, and support Warming Center operations.
- Volunteers must be **18 or older** and complete an application, background screening, and required training.

To apply: Visit https://mwvcaa.org/give/ and choose the Salem or Dallas Warming Center opportunity.
For more information: contact **Jennifer Gross-Statler**
Volunteer Program Manager Phone: 503-585-6232
Email: jennifer.gross-statler@mwvcaa.org

Looking Ahead

Nov. 19 **7:30 am** Breakfast Roundtable @ Micah Building
7:00 pm Session Meeting – Zoom
Nov. 22 **10:30** Worship
Nov. 26 **Thanksgiving**
Nov. 29 **10:30** Worship First Sunday of Advent
Nov. 30 **6:30** Salem Community Chorus
Wish Upon a Star at St. Mark Lutheran Church
Dec. 5 **11:00** Piano recital in sanctuary
by Melissa's students

Dec. 5	**12 noon**	Salem Community Chorus At the Capitol Rotunda
Dec. 6	**10:30**	Worship with Holy Communion Second Sunday of Advent ODHS Gift Card deadline
Dec. 7	**6:30**	Salem Community Chorus St. Mark Lutheran Church
Dec. 13	**10:30**	Worship – Third Sunday of Advent
	3:30	Salem Community Chorus Christ's Church United – Monmouth
Dec. 19	**12-4pm**	All Church Christmas Party – true potluck w/small gift exchange & carols
Dec. 20	**10:30**	Worship – Fourth Sunday of Advent Christ Jar Offering, Birthday celebration

JKPC November Celebrations

Birthdays	**Anniversary**
Nov 5: Maggie L.	**24:** Glen & Bronwyn C.
Nov. 22: Joan A.	

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