

John Knox Presbyterian Church
January 4, 2026
Second Sunday of Christmas
Holy Communion



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

GATHERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude "Men and Kings Seek Him" Arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

Words of Welcome

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

Call to Worship[#]

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

The brightness of God's light shines upon all the nations.

All are welcomed to the brightness of God's dawn.

God gathers us from far away and carries us.

With radiant eyes, with rejoicing hearts, we receive the abundance God gives.

We respond in praise. With our gifts, with our very selves, we worship God.

*** Hymn** "As With Gladness Men of Old" #150

*** Invitation to Confession**

*** Silent Prayer**

*** Unison Prayer of Confession**

God of justice, we confess that our actions are evil whenever we remain passive while others are oppressed; whenever we guard our own prosperity at the expense of those who are poor; or when we ignore the cries of those in need of help.

Forgive us, we pray, for hiding in the darkness of this world more than loving the light of your righteousness made known to us in Jesus Christ. Judge us with mercy, we pray, and extend your grace to us. Strengthen our faithfulness to you and to all who are precious in your sight. We pray in the name of Christ, our Light. Amen.

*** Words of Assurance**

***Sung Response** "The Tide of God's Great Mercy" Verses 1-2

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

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Time with our Young and Growing

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading	Isaiah 63: 7-9	NRSV
Second Reading	Matthew 2: 13-23	NRSV
<i>This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.</i>		
Sermon	"The Presence of God"	Rev. Andrew Wall
Hymn	"Christ, Be Our Light"	#314

GATHERING AT CHRIST'S TABLE

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

The Communion of the People

You will be served the bread and cup in your pew.
When you are served, please hold the elements
until you are invited to partake with everyone in community.
Empty cups may be left in the pews,
placed in the basket on the narthex table,
or returned to the social hall.

Special Music	"Offertory on 'Coventry Carol'"	Arr. Lani Smith
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Prayer after Communion

RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL

Church and Community Life

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Call for the Offering

Offertory	"Brightest and Best"	arr. Mark Hayes
* Sung Response	"For the Life That You Have Given"	#717
*Prayer of Dedication		

Prayers of the People

Response: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

* Sending Song	"Siyahamba – We Are Marching in the Light of God"	#853
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* Charge and Blessing

Please be seated to enjoy the postlude.

Postlude	"The Ringing of the Bells"	arr. Lani Smith
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Liturgist: Doug Anderson
Music Director: Anna Robinson

Guest Preacher: Rev. Andrew Wall

Pastor: Rev. Maggie Lewis
Pianist: Bethany Cozort



Church and Community Life

PLEASE WELCOME Rev. Andrew Wall to our pulpit today while Pastor Maggie is with family. He lives with his wife and two children in Vancouver, Washington, and keeps busy with them and his business. Maggie will return next Sunday.

FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS for 2026 will be accepted any time. Place them in the offering basket or give them to Bronwyn. Your financial support is very appreciated.

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 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.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING will be received through today. This PCUSA special offering supports the needs of past, present, and future church leaders.

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!

HEARING CHALLENGED? The sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop for people who appreciate a bit of assistance hearing more clearly, whether or not they use hearing aids. For more information on how to use the listening devices, see Eileen or CJ.

Looking Ahead

Jan. 11 10:30 Worship – Ordination and Installation of Officers

Jan. 12 7:00 Administration Committee via Zoom

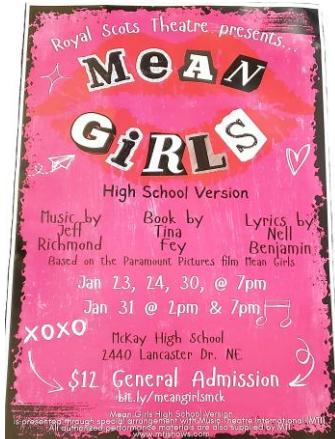
Jan. 18 10:30 Worship – Christ Jar Offering and Birthday Celebration

Jan. 19 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday

Jan. 21 7:00 Session meeting via Zoom

January Birthdays

4	Bethany C.	28	Madison C.
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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.

JKPC November 2025 Financial Report

INCOME	Actual	Budget	Year to Date Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Pledges	\$17,180	\$16,852	\$79,213	\$82,558	\$83,910
Offerings	161	583	4,472	6,417	7,000
Misc.	1,250	542	7,936	5,958	6,500
Christ Jar/ CHP	76	90	1,355	990	1,080
Building Use	45	100	1,128	1,100	1,200
Per Capita			900	600	600
Food Bank Donations	245	150	1,870	1,650	1,800
Backpack B Donations	100	100	2,490	1,100	1,200
INC. TOTAL	\$19,057	\$18,417	\$99,364	\$100,373	\$103,290
EXPENSES TOTAL	\$11,064	\$7,511	\$102,605	\$92,068	\$106,795
PROFIT/ <LOSS>	\$7,993	\$10,906	<\$3,241>	\$8,305	<\$3,505>
<i>Including Investment Income, unrealized loss/gain and fees</i>					
	\$10,837	\$10,905	\$52,790	\$8,305	<\$3,505>

From Bronwyn: We ended November with a net gain of \$7,997.79. Payment in full of one annual pledge (\$\$8,500) and a partial payment of an annual pledge (\$3,600) were received. This leaves \$1,000 of an annual pledge outstanding. Overall, year to date is looking positive with a loss of \$3,242,10.

\$2,350 of gift cards for ODHS were purchased in November. Our annual budgeted expense for Misc. local spending is \$2,120. While the large ODHS spending throws off the expense vs. budget, it is matched to income amounts in budget line item #1003.

It is important to remember that we were gifted \$10,000 at the end of 2024 to put towards any deficit in 2025. These funds are sitting in our checking account and do not show in the 2025 budget.

Session Notes –December 17, 2025

Session met on December 17 via Zoom. Our primary order of business was discussion of pledged amounts and the proposed (estimated) budget. We decided to wait to approve the 2026 budget at our January 21 meeting, to be fairly certain of our estimated income. We base our Presbytery Partnership Giving pledge on a tithe of our estimated income, so that also plays into the calculations.

We celebrated the generosity of our congregation and their caring for youth in Marion County foster care, as we received a total of \$3,725 in cash and cards for workers to distribute among the youth.

We approved PC(USA) Special Offering dates for 2026 and dates for Communion. We continue to gather information about the cost and effectiveness of mounting a monitor on the south wall of the chancel instead of using a projector. Session will make the final decision when information is assembled.

Calendar items

January 11 – Ordination and installation of officers

January 18 – Deadline for annual reports to Eileen

January 21 – Session meeting via Zoom, 7 pm

January 29 – Presbytery of the Cascades meeting
Zoom, 6-8 pm

February 1 – Annual reports available by email/print

February 15 – Annual congregational meeting; election
of 2026 Nominating Committee

February 16 – Officer retreat for elders and deacons

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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.

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