John Knox Presbyterian Church

November 8, 2026



Please be seated and prepare your hearts and minds for worship

GATHERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude "Abide With Me" Arr. Gina Sprunger

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

*** Call to Worship**
God has gathered us to this place,
where we hear those stories which show us
what the kingdom of God is like.
God summons us to this place,
where we can learn how to serve our God
without reservation, or hesitation.
God will send us from this place,
to tell others of God's hopes and dreams,
so they, too, can choose to follow God.

*** Hymn** "Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet" #2020

*** Call to Reconciliation**

*** Unison Prayer for Forgiveness**
Approaching God, it is never easy to admit how foolish we are. You have chosen us for yourself, and we continue to shelter false gods in our hearts. You promise to be with us in every moment, but we can find little time for you. You send your Word to us, but we are too busy listening to the noise of our culture to pay attention.

Have mercy, Eternal One, and forgive us. Speak to us, so we might listen, and in hearing be transformed into your people. Fill us with holiness, so we might give ourselves wholly to others. Enable us to serve you faithfully and completely, even as did our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*** Assurance of Grace**
This is our assurance: God forgives us.
This is our hope: God's love is everlasting.
This is our truth: God is with us always.
We will speak the truth;
we will live the hope;
we will share God's mercy.
Thanks be to God. Amen

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

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading based on Psalm 78: 1-24 *by Steve Garnaas-Holmes, UnfoldingLight.net*
Listen, O people, to this teaching;
pay attention to these words of truth!
We will tell a story that is rich with meaning,
and utter sayings with truth hidden in them,
an ancient story that we have heard,
because it is a story about us.
We will not hide these stories from our children,
but tell them to the next generation:
the glorious deeds of God, and God's power,
and the wonders that God has wrought.
God made this promise to us,
so we would never forget God's grace.

In the sight of our ancestors—
in your own memory—God worked miracles in Egypt.
God divided the sea and led them through it,
making the waters to stand like a heap.
God led them by a cloud in the daytime,
and all the night with a fiery light.
God split the rocks in the wilderness,
and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep,
made streams to come out of the rock,
and caused waters to flow down like rivers.

Yet they tested God in their hearts,
by demanding the food that they craved.
They spoke against God, saying:
Yes, God, you struck the rock
so that water gushed out and torrents overflowed.
But can you spread a table in the wilderness?
Can you give bread, and provide meat for your people?"

Yet God commanded the skies above, and opened the doors of heaven;
God rained down on them manna to eat,
and gave them the grain of heaven.
With upright heart God tended them,
and guided them with skillful hand.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Time with Our Young and Growing Ones

Second Reading Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 NRSV
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Rev. Maggie Lewis

*** Hymn** "Be Thou My Vision" #450

RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL

Church and Community Life

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

*** Sung Response** "God, We Honor You" #709
Once together, then in a round

*** 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** "To God Be the Glory" #634

*** Charge**
Go now to tell the stories of our God.
We will listen to the lives of those around us as we do.
Go now to discover the gifts of everyone you meet.
We will remember Jesus, who blessed us with hope and life.
Go now to share all that is within you.
We will tell everyone - from the smallest child to the oldest person –
of the Spirit who longs to shape us into one community.

*** Benediction**

Please remain seated to enjoy the postlude

Postlude "Take My Life and Let It Be" *H. A. César Malan*

Pastor: Rev. Maggie Lewis Pianist: Melissa Terrall
Liturgist: Janet Anderson Music Director: Anna Robinson

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.

Church and Community Life

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

KEIZER COMMUNITY FOOD BANK An efficient 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. The food bank can also use any reusable grocery bags. Leave them in the grocery cart here or take them to the food bank on Monday or Wednesdays around noon. You are always welcome to bring food to our cart any time, and volunteers are always needed to serve our hungry neighbors or to help stock shelves when food is received. See the KCFB Facebook page or website at keizercommunityfoodbank.org for more information. You can also donate on-line on their website.

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.

Your continued support of the church 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.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2026 — BRONWYN CURTIS

- September ended in the red $1,421.48 vs budget expectation of $835.72 in the red.
- Please note that around 2/3 of the CHP pie fundraiser funds were received in September ($563 of the $678 income, and $322 of Misc. income) and a check for $897 issued. This income and expenses, while both pass through, are not included in our budget. Funds for Pies continue to be received as the residual pies are sold, and these funds will be passed onto CHP in November. We have exceeded $1,000 for this fundraiser. We are small, but mighty!
- Thank you for keeping your pledge giving up to date.

We are in our final quarter and the home stretch of our 12-month budget cycle. I will be preparing the 2027 budget after receiving the pledge cards on November 8th and the budget will have its first airing at the November session meeting. I anticipate it will be another deficit budget.

I welcome your input on how you see JKPC helping our neighbors in the Keizer/Salem community, state, country and worldwide through our budget.

September 2026 Financial Report

INCOME	Actual	Budget	YTD Act	YTD Budget	ANN Budget
Pledges	$3,345	$3,715	$55,075	$54,170	$84,280
Offerings	105	417	4,313	3,750	5,000
Miscellaneous	328	708	5,519	6,375	8,500
Christ Jar/CHP	678	100	1,551	900	1,200
Building Use	240	100	740	900	1,200
Per Capita	0		700	600	600
Food Bank Donations	100	150	1,650	1,350	1,800
Backpack B donations	100	175	2,220	1,575	2,100
TOTAL INCOME	**$4,896**	**$5,365**	**$71,768**	**$69,620**	**$104,680**
TOTAL EXPENSES	**$6,317**	**$6,200**	**$81,875**	**$78,047**	**$114,375**
PROFIT/LOSS	**<$1,421>**	**<$835>**	**<$10,107>**	**<$8,427>**	**<$9,695>**
Including Investment Income, unrealized loss/gain and fees	**<$10,841>**	**<$836>**	**$11,393**	**<$8,427>**	**<$10,295>**

A Breakfast Roundtable

A Morning with Jonathan Wilson Hartgrove

A History & Critique of Christian Nationalism and Our Moral Moment

Thursday, November 19 7:30 – 9:30 AM



Taplin Hall – Micah Building – 2nd floor

680 State Street

Hosted by Salem First UMC

Followed by Witness Walk, 9:30 – 10:15

Please RSVP to Ken Wytsma, Willamette University Chaplain

kwytsma@willamette.edu

Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove is a North Carolina preacher, writer, and community-builder who has worked with faith-rooted movements for social change for more than two decades.

What to Expect

Breakfast at 7:30. At 8:00, Jonathan shares on the history and critique of Christian nationalist and the church's moral witness today, followed by guided questions, open Q & A, and a closing prayer. Afterward, all are welcome to join the Oregon Poor People's Campaign for a short public witness walk to the State Capitol (about 45 minutes, rain or shine).

PRESENTED BY WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY WITH

Salem First United Methodist (host)
Salem First Presbyterian Church
Westminster Presbyterian Church
First Congregational UCC
Morningside United Methodist
St. Mark Lutheran
Salem Mennonite Church
Salem Youth Collective

Looking Ahead

Nov. 9 **7:00** Administration Committee-Zoom
Nov. 11 **Veterans Day**
Nov. 15 **10:30** Worship – Christ Jar Offering
Birthday/Anniversary celebration
Nov. 19 **7:00** 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 **12 noon** Salem Community Chorus
At the Capitol Rotunda
Dec. 6 **10:30** Worship with Holy Communion
Second Sunday of Advent
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
Dec. 20 **10:30** Worship – Fourth Sunday of Advent
Christ Jar Offering, Birthday celebration



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

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