John Knox Presbyterian Church
November 1, 2026 – Holy COmmunion

Please be seated and prepare your hearts and minds for worship

GATHERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude "Immortal, Invisible" Arr. Gina Sprunger

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

*** Call to Worship**
This is a good place to begin the week as we come to re-set our sights on our relationship with God.
We know that God is ready and willing to help us unscramble our minds and focus once again on God's vision for the future.
This is a place and a time when we discover we are in the presence of amazing grace.
We know that God is ready and willing to bring refreshment to those worn and weary and light to those who want to follow.
This is a place and a time when we can celebrate our humanness as we seek to be the creatures God created us to be.
We know that God is ready and willing to support and encourage us in the work of being a community of faith.
So come, let us worship God and let's begin with this prayer:

Unison Prayer of Invocation
Gracious God, we are here this morning to worship together, to learn more about your will for our lives, and to support one another. May this place be a place of wisdom – a place of connection – a place of blessing and hope– a place where we can taste and see an ever growing circle of compassion and care as we offer ourselves to you, following the way of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

*** Hymn** "I Come with Joy" #515 v. 1,2,3

*** Call to Reflection and Restoration**

Silent Prayer

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

*** Community Prayer**

Dear God, help us to hang in there when things become tiresome or tough. Give us the courage we need to move beyond our comfort zones and reach beyond our grasp. Move us from being the critic to being among those who lift others up. Restore and renew our spirits so that we might be the people you created us to be. Amen.

*** Assurance of Grace**

*Jesus comes into our lives and simply says: "Blessed Are **YOU**!"*

May we celebrate the confidence that Christ has in us and the joy and energy that it brings.

*** Sung Response** "Glory to God" #583

One time together, then twice in a round

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Time with Our Young and Growing Ones

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading Matthew 5: 1-12 NRSV

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

Sermon "Blessed" Rev. Steve Hammond

*** Hymn** "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" #526

GATHERING AT CHRIST'S TABLE –*All are welcome*

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution and Communion Prayer

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 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" William B. Bradbury

Prayer after Communion

RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL

Church and Community Life

Presbytery Report

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory	"This is My Father's World"	Maltbie Babcock
*** Sung Response**	"God, We Honor You"	#709

*** Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People

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

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

The Lord's Prayer

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

*** Sending Song**	"I Come with Joy"	#515 v. 4-5

Benediction

Please remain seated to enjoy the postlude

Postlude	"For All the Saints"	William How

Pastor: Rev. Maggie Lewis — Pianist: Melissa Terrall
Liturgist: Sheila Cunningham — Music Director: Anna Robinson
Today's Guest Preacher: Rev. Steven Hammond

Church and Community Life

PLEASE EXTEND a warm welcome to Rev. Steven Hammond as he preaches and leads worship today. Steve is a retired Presbyterian minister whose bi-vocational career as a physician assistant provided the opportunity to serve smaller congregations in rural medically underserved communities in Idaho, Washington and Michigan. He now lives in Albany and provides pulpit supply around the presbytery. Steve also serves as a member of the Medical Reserve Corp of Linn County.

IF YOU HAVE NOT YET VOTED, please do! You'll need to take your ballot to a ballot drop box. There is one at City Hall in Keizer; for other locations, please see the insert in your ballot – and please vote! If you have already voted, thank you for participating – for if we all do a little (one vote) it can add up to a lot (many voters)!

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, please see Bronwyn.

SESSION NOTES At our October 17 meeting, session addressed basic business items and discussed how to best support the expansion of the Keizer Community Food Bank. We also discussed a request from a parent leading a group to protest the potential closure of Cummings Elementary. Last week, an article in the bulletin encouraged you to support teachers, staff, and students at Cummings individually, and shared that JKPC will not take official action under our name. Session will further discuss ways to support the KCFB expansion at the November 19 meeting. We closed in prayer for our world, for those we are aware of facing difficult times, and joys we experience along our journey.

Looking Ahead

Nov. 8 **10:30** Worship - Receive and dedicate pledges
Nov. 9 **7:00** Administration Committee-Zoom
Nov. 11 **Veterans Day**
Nov. 15 **10:30** Worship
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. 7 **6:30** Salem Community Chorus
St. Mark Lutheran Church
Dec. 13 **3:30** Salem Community Chorus
Christ's Church United - Monmouth
Dec. 19 **12-4pm** All Church Christmas Party

JKPC November Celebrations

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

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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.