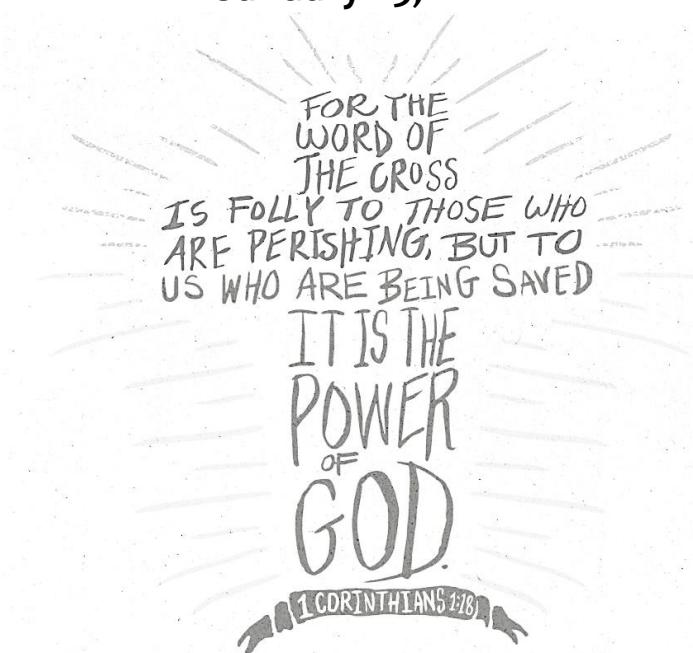


John Knox Presbyterian Church

January 25, 2026



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

GATHERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

"Prelude in F"

Ludwig van Beethoven arr. Todd Kendall

Words of Welcome

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

Call to Worship

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

We gather in the presence of God. Let us open our hearts and minds in worship.

* Hymn

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

#12

* Invitation to Confession

* Silent Prayer

* Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, when despair and suffering overwhelm us, we cry out for you and feel abandoned. We doubt your presence and your promises. We believe you have turned away from us in anger. We ask why you have forsaken us.

In these moments, strengthen us in faith and fill our hearts with courage. We believe, God. Help our unbelief. Amen.

* Words of Forgiveness

***Sung Response "The Tide of God's Great Mercy"**

Verses 1-2; see projection or music handout

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Today's Psalm

Psalm 27: 1, 4-9

NRSV

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation;
 whom shall I fear?
 The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
 of whom shall I be afraid?
⁴ One thing I asked of the LORD,
 that will I seek after:
 to live in the house of the LORD
 all the days of my life,
 to behold the beauty of the LORD,
 and to inquire in his temple.
⁵ For he will hide me in his shelter
 in the day of trouble;
 he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
 he will set me high on a rock.
⁶ Now my head is lifted up
 above my enemies all around me,
 and I will offer in his tent
 sacrifices with shouts of joy;
 I will sing and make melody to the LORD.
⁷ Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud,
 be gracious to me and answer me!
⁸ "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!"
 Your face, LORD, do I seek.
⁹ Do not hide your face from me.
 Do not turn your servant away in anger,
 you who have been my help.
 Do not cast me off, do not forsake me,
 O God of my salvation!

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

Time with our Young and Growing

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 1: 10-18 NRSV

¹⁰Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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

Sermon	“Where God’s Light Meets God’s Foolishness”	Rev. Maggie Lewis
* Hymn	“The Church’s One Foundation”	#321

RESPONDING TO GOD’S CALL

Church and Community Life

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Call for the Offering

Offertory “Abide with Me”

W.H. Monk arr. Jerry Ray

*** Sung Response** “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

#708 v. 1 & 4

*** 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** “We Are One in the Spirit” #300 v. 1 & 2

*** Charge and Blessing**

Please be seated to enjoy the postlude.

Postlude “They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”

Peter Scholtes, arr. Mark Hayes

Liturgist: Mary Jo Emmett

Pastor: Rev. Maggie Lewis

Music Director: Anna Robinson

Pianist: Bethany Cozort

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Church and Community Life

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Session has called for the annual congregational meeting to be held after worship on Sunday, February 15. Annual reports will be available February 1.

KEIZER COMMUNITY FOOD BANK The most efficient way to help food banks at this time 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 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.

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!

PER CAPITA is the fundamental way in which all of the congregations and mid councils of the PC(USA) connect, participate and share in the work of the wider church. It's the "tie that binds" –annual support that unites the entire church in the ongoing and essential work that guides the OGA, presbyteries and synods, and benefits every congregation. In Presbytery of the Cascades, per capita funds positions that support congregations and their work, regardless of the size of their contributions to Presbytery Partnership Giving or other presbytery giving opportunities. All churches pay **\$50 per member** to presbytery as a contribution to supporting their work. If you are able to pay your \$50 per capita in addition to your planned giving to JKPC, please mark your donation "per capita." All per capita donations will help us keep our budget focused on our mission here while we are also supporting the presbytery's work in the region. Your per capita payments are appreciated!



A FOND FAREWELL – Bethany has submitted her resignation as our pianist effective today. Jim's company has closed and the family will be focusing on decisions about their future. Bethany came to us in December 2012 as a temporary pianist and we invited her to stick around – and we're so glad she did!

JANUARY'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION was moved to this week because Maddy is in town to celebrate her birthday with us! We will celebrate Maddy and Bethany's birthdays and bid Bethany farewell all at the same time after worship today in the Social Hall.

CHRIST JAR OFFERING was also moved to today. This offering supports Congregations Helping People. Once a month, usually on the third Sunday, we gather coins (and we'll take paper money and checks, too!) to support this organization that works to meet emergency needs of our Salem-Keizer neighbors. If you want to know more about what they do or what you can do to help, please talk with Sheila.

Looking Ahead

Feb. 1 10:30 Worship with Communion
Annual Reports distributed

Feb. 2 7:00 Administration Committee

Feb. 8 10:30 Worship

Feb. 15 10:30 Transfiguration of the Lord
Worship followed by Annual Congregational Meeting
Birthday celebration during social hour

Feb. 16 9 am – 3 pm Officers Retreat at JKPC

Feb. 18 Ash Wednesday

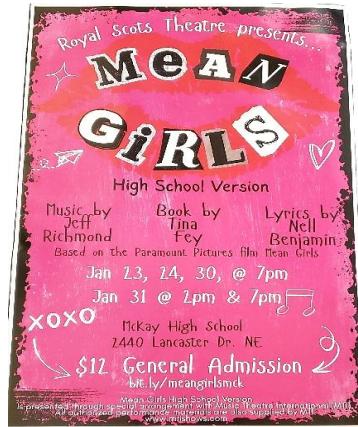
Feb. 22 10:30 Worship – First Sunday in Lent
PDA Blue Shirt Sunday & Special PDA Offering

March 1 10:30 Worship with Communion
Second Sunday in Lent

March 8 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS
10:30 Worship- Third Sunday in Lent

January Birthdays

4	Bethany C.	28	Madison C.
February Birthdays			
5	Paul A.	26	Jacob C.
7	Doug A.	28	Betty C.
19	Paul W.		



**Royal Scots Theatre
presents Mean Girls,
High School version.**

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.**

Session Notes – January 21, 2026

Eileen Sheelar, Clerk

After opening with prayer, we discussed a survey sent to all Cascades sessions to gather information for the presbytery's mission study. Questions included:

- What are some things you are most proud of as a church in the last five years?
- Share something you are excited about for your church's future.
- What are some things you are most worried about for your congregation?
- How has the Presbytery been helpful (or not) to your congregation in the last five years?
- What future support from the Presbytery might be helpful?

Session re-elected Eileen Sheelar as clerk and Bronwyn Curtis as treasurer for 2026. We also re-elected corporate officers: Mary Jo Emmett, President; Eileen Sheelar, Secretary; and Bronwyn Curtis, Treasurer.

We approved the General Assembly Statistical Report to be submitted as presented. Of interest: We reported 25 members and 14 "friends of the congregation."

We approved the 2026 budget, which includes a projected income of \$102,580 and projected expenses \$113,070, resulting in a deficit of \$10,490. We have 14 pledge units, with \$82,180 pledged. Seven pledges were increased from last year. We are carrying a \$5,300 gift from 2025 in our checking account that will go toward meeting the deficit. A full copy of the budget will be in the annual report.

We will offer the use of our parking lot to the food bank if needed to reduce the number of cars lined up along Cummings before the food bank opens on Monday afternoons and Thursday mornings.

We accepted a gift from anonymous donors of an LED monitor to be mounted on the south wall of the sanctuary. There will be no expenses taken out of the budget for this installation.

We reluctantly accepted Bethany Cozort's resignation as pianist effective January 31 and reflected on her years of beautiful music!

After offering our joys and concerns, we adjourned with prayer.

JKPC December 2025 Financial Report

INCOME	Actual	Budget	Year to Date Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Pledges	5,035	1,352	84,248	83,910	83,910
Offerings	5,536	583	10,008	7,000	7,000
Misc.	4,475	542	12,411	6,500	6,500
Christ Jar/ CHP	75	J90	1,430	1,080	1,080
Building Use	30	100	1,158	1,200	1,200
Per Capita			900	600	600
Food Bank Donations	225	150	2,095	1,800	1,800
Backpack B Donations	130	100	2,620	1,200	1,200
INC. TOTAL	\$15,506	\$2,917	\$114,870	\$103,290	\$103,290
EXPENSES TOTAL	\$7,541	\$14,726	\$109,778	\$106,795	\$106,795
PROFIT/ <LOSS>	\$7,965	<\$11,809>	\$5,092	<\$3,505>	<\$3,505>
<i>Including Investment Income, unrealized loss/gain and fees</i>					
	\$10,895	<\$11,810>	\$64,053	<\$3,505>	<\$3,505>

Treasurer's Report

Bronwyn Curtis

Overall, December was a good month with a net gain of \$7,965, due in large part to a \$5,300 gift towards any budget deficit. The year 2025 ended \$5,092 in the black.

Our investments continued to do well despite some uncertainty around tariffs earlier in the year. We continue to receive steady gifts toward our core missions of Keizer Community Food Bank, CHP, and Backpack Buddies. Both cash and gift card donations to ODHS once again surpassed expectations (a total of \$3,725 was received). Special offerings were generally lower than historically, except for Christmas Joy which again received a single generous donation of \$4,000.

Your caring generosity shares God's love and compassion in places and with people we cannot reach personally. Thank you!

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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.