

To Everything
there is a Season,
and a time
to every Purpose
under Heaven.
Ecclesiastes 3:1

John Knox
Presbyterian Church
Keizer, Oregon
November 6, 2022

WE PREPARE TO RECEIVE THE WORD

Processional

“Come Worship the Lord”

J.S Bach, arr. Carol McClure

Words of Welcome

Good morning. I am Sheila Cunningham, a ruling elder here at John Knox. Our guest preacher is the Rev. Brian Heron, Presbyter of Mission and Vision for the Presbytery of the Cascades. We are pleased to have him with us today for worship and Communion.

The peace of Christ be with you... **And also with you.**
And now, let us worship God.

Prelude

“Come Worship the Lord”

continued

* Call to Worship

Come with me on a journey in faith. Bring your hopes and visions of a new possibility, for God’s work among us is just beginning.

We are called into a future yet unnamed. We hear the call of Jesus and venture forward, leaving behind our comfort zones and certainties.

But as we travel light, in the spirit of faith and expectation, we are led by the One who brings to light God’s dreams for us and for the world.

May we be witnesses to God’s new tomorrow, and go with confidence, knowing that we never travel alone.

* Hymn

“God is Here!”

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* Call to Confession

New every morning is God’s love for us, and so new each day is our opportunity to clean the slate, to make our confession, and to be assured of God’s forgiveness and love. On this new day, let us come to God in prayer, first in silence and then together....Amen.

* Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we can be so full of fear at times – afraid of the unknown; afraid of what is beyond our control; afraid of what is strange to us. And we know that fear stops us in our tracks, hinders our action, and gives us an excuse for not doing what you call us to do and what you empower us to do. So we pray that you will give us courage, O God. Give us strong hearts and

open hands, that we might set aside our fear, and walk confidently into this world you have made. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*** Assurance of Forgiveness**

Nothing is impossible with God.

There is no place we can go, no end of the earth we can run,
where God cannot find us.

There is nothing on earth or beyond death that can separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

We are forgiven. We are loved. We are reconciled to God.

We live with the love of God. Amen.

*** Sung Response**

“Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet”

#458

WE RECEIVE THE WORD

Time With Our Children

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Scripture Reading(s)

all from NRSVUE

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church from the Hebrew Scriptures, Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8:

For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born and a time to die;

a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted;

a time to kill and a time to heal;

a time to break down and a time to build up;

a time to weep and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn and a time to dance;

a time to throw away stones and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing;

a time to seek and a time to lose;

a time to keep and a time to throw away;

a time to tear and a time to sew;

a time to keep silent and a time to speak;

a time to love and a time to hate;

a time for war and a time for peace.

From the Christian Scriptures, the Gospel of John, chapter 2, verses 1-11:

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.

Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.

When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him,

“They have no wine.”

And Jesus said to her,

“Woman, what concern is that to me and to you? My hour has not yet come.”

His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”

Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification,

each holding twenty or thirty gallons.
 Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.”
 And they filled them up to the brim.
 He said to them, “Now draw some out,
 and take it to the person in charge of the banquet.” So they took it.
 When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine
 and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew),
 that person called the bridegroom and said to him,
 “Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine
 after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.”
 Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee
 and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

Romans 8: 28; 35-39

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God,
 who are called according to [God’s] purpose.
 Who will separate us from the love of Christ?
 Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword?
 As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all day long;
 we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than victorious through [God] who loved us.
 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
 nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
 nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us
 from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Response: *Holy Wisdom, Holy Words. Thanks be to God.*

Sermon “Nothing Wasted!” Rev. Brian Heron

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

* **Hymn** “God of Our Life” #686

Prayers of the People – *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.*

Let us pray. Holy God, with trust and confidence we bring these prayers to you along with the unspoken prayers of our hearts. Help us to feel your presence and share your love, grace and mercy with all in need of those precious gifts. Amen.

Presbytery Report

Minute for Mission ODHS Gift Cards: Kristy Schell, ODHS/Child Welfare

Church and Community Life *See below*

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Call for the Offering

God has told us what is good; and what does the Lord require? To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God. Keeping that in mind, let us offer back to God a portion of our resources.

Offertory “Walking With the Savior” Richard Blake

* **Sung Response** “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” #606 *Public Domain*

* **Prayer of Dedication**

Holy God, sometimes we think the gifts we offer do not matter. But when they are combined with all the other gifts – of healing, of hope, of compassion, of your heart – they can become rivers of grace and justice flowing through the lives of everyone around us. We offer our gifts to you in this hope, as we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

May the God of steadfast love be with you!

And also with you!

Here, we will find refuge in our God.

Here, our hearts are offered for healing and hope.

Let us feast on the abundance of God’s grace.

We will sing glad songs as we come to this Table.

Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion Music

“Like a River Glorious”

John Purifoy

Based on WYE VALLEY by James Mountain

Prayer after Communion

WE GO FORTH TO PRACTICE OUR FAITH

*Sending Hymn

“Amazing Grace”

#649

*Charge and Blessing

Be seated to enjoy the postlude

Postlude

“Give Ear Unto Me”

Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

* = Standing <i>Italic = Leader</i> Bold = People
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Liturgist: Sheila Cunningham

Pianist: Bethany Cozort

Preacher: Rev. Brian Heron

Music Director: Anna Robinson

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Church and Community Life

PLEASE WELCOME Rev. Brian Heron, the Presbyter for Vision and Mission for the Presbytery of the Cascades, to our pulpit today. He has served the church in various capacities including new church developments, congregational legacies, interim positions, solo pastorates and chaplaincy. His spirituality has been shaped by the rich historic tradition of the church and connection to the Sacred through cycling, hiking, kayaking and snowshoeing. He is the father of two and grandfather of two— all of whom live in the Portland area.

PLEASE ALSO WELCOME Kristy Schell to John Knox today. She is here from ODHS/Child Welfare to talk about how the gift cards we will be purchasing in December for children in Marion County foster care are used. Last year we raised \$1,685 for gift cards – we can do that and more this year with your help!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP TIME today after worship to visit with Brian, Kristy, and each other.

UPDATED DIRECTORIES are available on the table in the narthex.

STEWARDSHIP SEASON A letter about our stewardship drive is on its way to you if you have not yet received it. For more information, please contact Eileen or Bronwyn.

OFFICE HOURS will be on Mondays only from 9-12 from now through at least December. Emails and phones are being checked from homes.

BACKPACK BUDDIES distribute sacks with weekend food for 15 students at Cummings School. We are adding a jar of peanut butter to each sack on a monthly basis, and we appreciate your donations!

KEIZER COMMUNITY FOOD BANK Please continue to bring donations of **cereal and oatmeal**. These items go quickly at the food bank and are very appreciated by clients. Items can be put in the shopping cart in the Narthex. Monetary donations are always accepted. Also, the gift of your time in person, either stocking or packaging and distributing food is always welcome and is necessary for the food bank to continue its good work.

PULL TABS FROM DRINK AND FOOD CANS are being collected to benefit Ronald McDonald House. There is a container on the table in the narthex.

PRAYER REQUESTS can be emailed to Bronwyn at johnknoxpreskeizer@gmail.com, or called to Bronwyn (503-463-6828). We encourage you to share your prayer requests with those on the prayer chain. We are stronger when we stand together in prayer. Please remember in your prayers our homebound members and friends as well as those who are not with us in the building today.

WATER FOR WARM SPRINGS

The Warm Springs Task Force (WSTF) of the Presbytery of the Cascades in its work to assist the church and community of Warm Springs, asks that churches and/or individuals contribute to the most urgent need for bottled water for the residents, businesses, schools, etc. Currently both one and five gallon jugs are delivered to Warm Springs with a weekly cost of \$4,500. Please send your gifts to purchase water for the community to Cascades Presbytery.

You may contribute to the water fund by noting “Warm Springs” on your donation. Bronwyn will forward the donation to the Presbytery office. You may also donate directly to the Presbytery at cascadespresbytery.org using the DONATE button on their website.

Contact warmsspringsorpcusa@gmail.com for more information.

*This service is recorded and will be posted on our website,
johnknoxpreskeizer.org, for a week.
Invite your friends or family to join us in worship!*

JKPC CELEBRATIONS

November Birthdays			
2	Tim Noland	22	Joan Allen
November Anniversary			
25	Glen Bronwyn Curtis		

Looking Ahead

TODAY	4:00	Evensong at St. Paul's Episcopal Church - Handbell concert
Nov. 8		ELECTION DAY – PLEASE VOTE!
Nov. 9	10:00	Mission Committee – at church
Nov. 11		Veterans Day
Nov. 13	9:30	Bell Choir - classroom
	10:30	Worship with Rev. Steven Hammond Dedicating our pledges for 2023
Nov. 14	7:00	Admin Committee – ZOOM
Nov. 16	7:00	Session – ZOOM
Nov. 20	9:30	Bell Choir – classroom
	10:30	Worship with Rev. Beverly Crow

SAVE THE DATE: ALL CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 3 at 5 PM at LANE'S HOME

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We worship on the traditional grounds of the Kalapuya people and their many tribes. We are grateful to their elders, past and present, who have stewarded this land through the generations.

The sanctuary and entry area are equipped with a hearing loop to assist those with compatible hearing aids. If you need assistance, please let us know. Large print bulletins are available on the entry table.