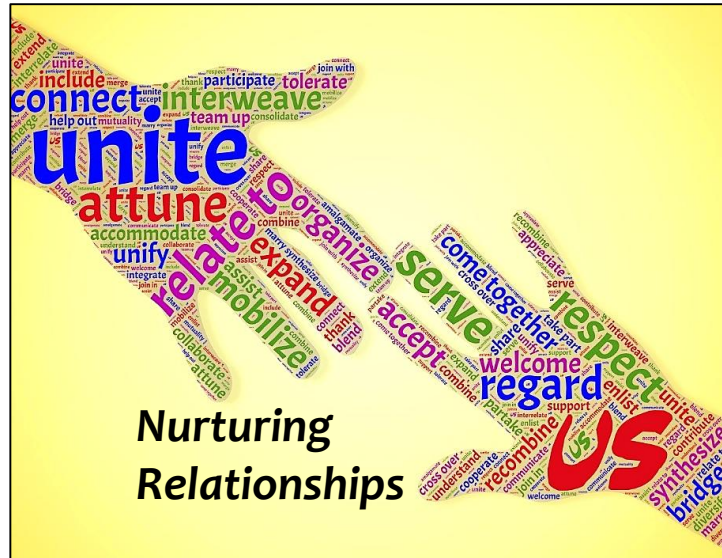


John Knox Presbyterian Church

October 26, 2025



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

GATHERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

"Blest Be The Tie That Binds"

Arr. Larry Shackley

Words of Welcome

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

* Call to Worship

In the midst of darkness & chaos...

God imagined.

In the fury and darkness...

**God imagined a world filled with trees, and blue skies
and fluffy white clouds.**

In the meadow, God stood and...

imagined foxes, bluebirds, and slithering snakes.

In a world of rainstorms and wildlife and cattle and grasses blowing in the breeze...

God imagined humanity.

God imagined the continuum from man to woman.

In a world teeming with billions of people...

God imagined me.

God imagined you and God imagined me.

We are created in the image of God.

God imagined us all. God loves each of us.

Let us worship with the same imagination as the creating One!

Amen.

*** Hymn**

“Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

#306

*** Call to Confession and Silent Prayer**

*** Unison Prayer of Confession**

Loving God, you created us to live in community, to bear one another’s burdens and share one another’s joy. Yet we confess that we do not always live as your people. We speak without listening, cling to resentment instead of forgiveness, and build walls where you would have us build bridges.

Forgive us, O God. Heal what is broken within and between us. Teach us the way of compassion and peace, so that our relationships may reflect your reconciling love in Christ Jesus. Amen.

*** Words of Forgiveness**

***Sung Response**

“Amen” twice

#600

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Psalms 133

NRSVue

How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!
It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.
It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.
For there the Lord ordained his blessing,
life forevermore.

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

Time with Our Young and Growing

Second Reading

Colossians 3: 12-15

NRSVue

Therefore, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

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

Sermon

Rev. Maggie Lewis

Hymn

“O God, You Give Welcome” tune #12 see projection

RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL

Church and Community Life

Presbytery Report

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Offertory "Rest in the Lord" J. S. Bach arr. Gail Smith

*** Sung Response** "We Give Thee But Thine Own" v. 1 AND 2 #708

*** Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People

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

The Lord's Prayer

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

*** Sending Song** "O God, You Are My God" #743

* Charge and Benediction

Please be seated to enjoy the postlude.

Postlude "Allemande" George Frederic Handel
arr. Gail Smith

Liturgist: Sheila Cunningham

Music Director: Anna Robinson

Pastor: Rev. Maggie Lewis

Pianist: Bethany Cozort

Church and Community Life

You are Invited!

Please join us for a lasagna, salad, and breadsticks meal after worship today followed by dessert featuring a variety of brownies by Vallory and a rousing game of Stewardship Bingo! This fun event helps us think about our role in stewardship of creation, relationships, time, and resources while sharing good food, laughs, and fellowship. No RSVP necessary.

KEIZER COMMUNITY FOOD BANK PAPER DRIVE During the months of **September** and **October** your mission team is heading up a paper drive with the items collected being given to our local food bank. We will build a tower in the narthex with your donations of toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, diapers and baby wipes. Monetary donations will be accepted too, with the mission committee making a purchase for you. Designate "Paper Drive" on your donation. If you have any questions, ask Sheila.

During the paper drive, food and monetary donations are also welcome. Designate "KCFB" or "Food Bank" and we will route the money to the food bank. Basic food needs are cereal,

peanut butter, canned meats, tomato produces, soup and chili, mac and cheese, and canned fruit. 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. 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!

WANT TO MEET WITH MAGGIE? She's usually in Keizer on Thursdays, but not always. Email, call, or speak with her to set up a mutually convenient time to visit.



Update your
contact info!

Please check your personal church directory information. If your address, phone, or email has changed since February of 2025, please let Eileen know.

A new directory is on her "to-do" list within the next two months and she needs your help. Thank you!

Looking Ahead

TODAY After worship: a meal hosted by some session members and STEWARDSHIP BINGO! Please plan to join us for fellowship and fun!

Sun. Nov. 2 **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS**
FALL BACK ONE HOUR!
10:30 Worship with Holy Communion

October Birthdays

1	Cariana H.	22	Randy L.
13	Ben D.	24	Shirley B #102!!
14	Rosemary W.	29	Paul C.

November Birthdays

5	Maggie L.	22	Joan A.
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November Anniversaries

25	Bronwyn & Glen C.
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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.