

John Knox Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day
November 2, 2025**



GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

**Those who are able, please stand*

PRELUDE

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Tom Birchwood

*INTROIT: HYMN 4

GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

Holy God, We Praise Your Name, v. 1

***Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you.
All on earth your scepter claim; all in heaven above adore you.
Infinite your vast domain, everlasting is your reign.***

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 89:1-2

I will sing of your steadfast love forever, O God!

**With my mouth I will proclaim
your faithfulness to all generations.**

Your steadfast love is established forever;

your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

*HYMN 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Trusting God's mercy and grace,
let us join in confessing our sin.

**Eternal God,
in every age you have raised up men and women
to live and die in faith.
We confess that we are indifferent to your will.
You call us to proclaim your name,
but we are silent.
You call us to do what is just,
but we remain idle.
You call us to live faithfully,
but we are afraid.**

**In your mercy, forgive us.
Give us courage to follow in your way,
that joined with those from ages past,
who have served you with faith, hope, and love,
we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.**

Silent Confession

***LORD, HAVE MERCY**

*Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy;
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy;
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Ephesians 1:4,7

Hear the good news!
God chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world
to be holy and blameless before him in love.

**In Christ we have redemption through his blood,
the forgiveness of our trespasses,
according to the riches of his grace.**

Let us proclaim and believe the good news:
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***RESPONDING IN PRAISE**

Hymn 582, v.1

Sing twice

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

LIFE AND WORK AT JOHN KNOX

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Eric Wall

At this time, K3s, K4s and K5s are invited to join Children's Church on the Nursery Hall for a time of learning and fun. Parents, please pick up your children there after the worship service.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 25:6-9
Pew Bible p. 568

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Hebrews 11:32-12:2
Pew Bible p. 978

The grass withers, the flower fades,
The Word of our God will stand forever.

SERMON

"Taking Our Place in the Race"

Gordon Turnbull

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed
Hymnal, p.35

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory Anthem *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

arr. Jack Schrader

*Doxology

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

REMEMBRANCE OF THE SAINTS: A Litany of Thanksgiving

I looked, and there was a great multitude
that no one could count, from every nation,
from all tribes and peoples and languages,
standing before the throne and before the Lamb,
robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.
They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

**“Salvation belongs to our God
who is seated on the throne,
and to the Lamb!”**

Let us give thanks for these brothers and sisters in Christ
to whom God has granted rest from their labors.

*The names of those who have died from our church this year shall be read aloud.
Time will be offered for other names to be remembered, either aloud or in silence.*

William “Billy” Weekes
November 30, 2024

Martha Meade
December 11, 2024

Katharine “Duffy” Brown
December 24, 2024

Margaret Ruppe Redmon
February 9, 2025

Dale Hayes West
April 12, 2025

Eva Chapman
August 7, 2025

Dennis Milton Harke
September 23, 2025

Jeffrey Hughes Jennings
September 24, 2025

Peggy Jean Moore Dorsey
October 28, 2025

Almighty God, we give you thanks
for these and all your servants whom we remember today.
Grant us grace to follow them as they followed Christ.

Bring us, with them, to those things no eye has seen,
nor ear heard, which you have prepared
for those who love you.

**Give us faith to look beyond touch and sight,
and seeing that we are surrounded
by so great a cloud of witnesses,
enable us to run with perseverance
the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus,
the author and finisher of our faith.
Bring us at last to your eternal peace,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and our greatest joy,
to give you thanks and praise . . .

LORD'S PRAYER ("debts...debtors")

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***HYMN 326**

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: HYMN 731**

REPTON

Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm, v. 4

***Give thanks for saints of ages past and saints alive today;
though often by this world despised,
their hearts by God are richly prized.
Give thanks that we may say we share their pilgrim way.***

POSTLUDE

How Excellent Is Thy Name

arr. by Tim Doran

Worship Team

Mark Britt
Susan Felton
Carol Phillips
Gordon Turnbull

Luke Browder
Parker Johnson
Scott Reichen
Ava Watson

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Kristine Lee
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