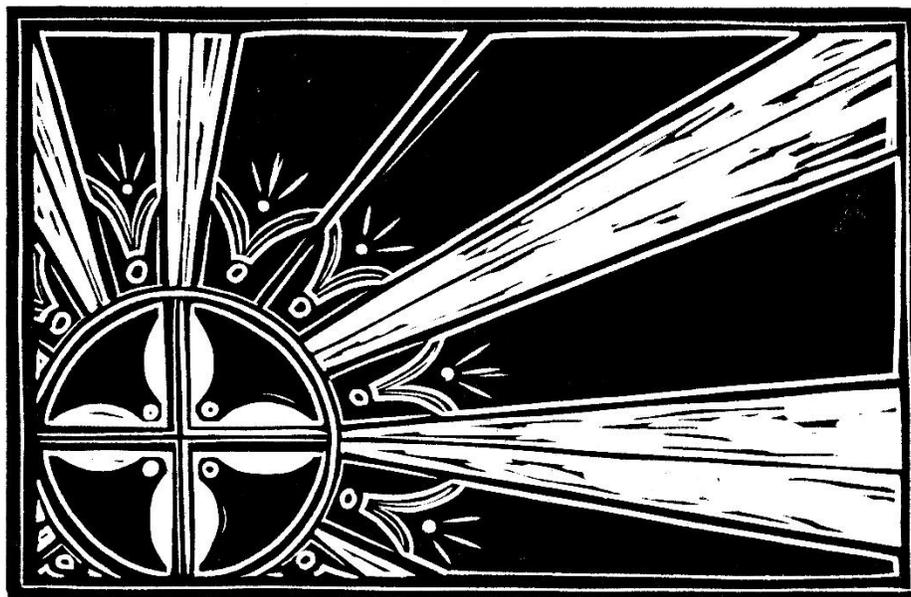


John Knox Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
November 23, 2025



GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

**Those who are able, please stand*

PRELUDE

Fairest Lord Jesus

Lani Smith

*INTROIT: HYMN 309 *Come, Great God of All the Ages, v. 1*

ABBOT'S LEIGH

***Come, great God of all the ages; make your earthly mission known;
speak through every deed and person; let your way and will be shown.
Guide the church to true commitment; give direction now, we ask;
fit us for the work of building; dedicate us to the task.***

*CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Col. 1:15-18

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;
**for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created,
things visible and invisible.**

All things have been created through him and for him.

He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

He is the head of the body, the church, and Lord of all.

*HYMN 267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

MADRID

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Trusting the promise of God's love,
let us confess our sin together.

**Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all.
We confess that we have not bowed down before him, and are slow
to acknowledge his rule. We give ourselves to the powers of this
world, and fail to be governed by Christ's command to love.**

**In your mercy, forgive us.
Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal
ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord 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**

Colossians 1:13-14

God has rescued us from the power of evil and claimed us for the realm of Jesus
Christ, in whom we have redemption.
We trust the promise of God's love:
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

Minute for Mission: Angel Tree

Caroline Robertson

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Susan Felton

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

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Pew Bible p. 633

ANTHEM

Crown Him with Many Crowns

arr. Joel Raney

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Colossians 1:11-20
Pew Bible p. 956

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

SERMON

"Firstborn"

Carter Rief

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed
Hymnal, p.35

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Nearer, My God, to Thee

Jason W. Krug

*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.***

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN 263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

CORONATION

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: HYMN 269

LANCASHIRE

Lead On, O King Eternal!, v. 3

***Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears;
your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light.
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might!***

POSTLUDE

*Postlude on "Diademata"
"Crown Him with Many Crowns"*

Gordon Young

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Duane Wait, late husband of LaRue Wait, to acknowledge the 25th Anniversary of their marriage.

Worship Team

Mark Britt
Susan Felton
Carol Phillips
Ava Watson

Luke Browder
Parker Johnson
Scott Reichen
Rob Wright

Justin Cazel
Kristine Lee
Carter Rief

Jacob deMaine
Bobby Mock
Caroline Robertson

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