

John Knox Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day December 7, 2025



GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

**Those who are able, please stand*

PRELUDE

Be Comforted, My People

Lani Smith

*INTROIT: HYMN 104

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You, v. 1

*O Lord, how shall I meet you, how welcome you aright?
Your people long to greet you, my hope, my heart's delight!
O kindle, Lord most holy, a lamp within my breast,
to do in spirit lowly all that may please you best.*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Bill & Chris Mathews

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Isaiah 40:3-5

Prepare the way of the Lord;
Make his paths straight.
**Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low.**
The crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways shall be made smooth.
And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

*HYMN 94

Now the Heavens Start to Whisper

JEFFERSON

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Trusting God's grace,
let us confess together our sin:

**Patient and loving God,
as we wait for the coming of your kingdom
you call us to lead lives of holiness and godliness.
We are slow to change our ways,
even when they do not please or glorify you.
We have lived unto ourselves and not to you.
Forgive our carelessness in not heeding your will.**

**Cleanse us, O Lord,
that we would be without spot or blemish in your sight.
Establish your rule in our hearts,
that our lives may proclaim your praise,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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**

based on Isaiah 40:1-2

Friends, hear the good news!
Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.
Your sins are pardoned; your penalty is paid!
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!**

***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

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

Isaiah 53:1-6
Pew Bible p. 596

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 1:5-25
Pew Bible p. 831

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

SERMON

"Promises Fulfilled"

John Casteel

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed
Hymnal, p.35

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory Anthem *Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates*

arr. Hal H. Hopson

*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.***

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 106**

Prepare the Way, O Zion

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: HYMN 88**

VENI EMMANUEL

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, v. 4

***O come, thou root of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save and give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.***

POSTLUDE

Praise the Lord with Trumpet

Patricia Lou Harris

Worship Team

Mark Britt
Susan Felton
Carol Phillips
Ava Watson

Luke Browder
Parker Johnson
Scott Reichen
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