

John Knox Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
March 15, 2026



GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

**Those who are able, please stand*

PRELUDE

Ayre

George Friderick Handel

*INTROIT: HYMN 192

Shine, Jesus, Shine, v. 1

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

*Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us;
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me; shine on me.
Shine, Jesus, Shine; fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God does not see as mortals see.
We look on the outward appearance;
God looks on the heart.

**Jesus, Light of the World,
give us eyes to see as you see!**

Once we lived in darkness, but now—
as children of light, we are called
to what is good and right and true.

**Jesus, Light of the World,
give us eyes to see as you see!**

*HYMN 490

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

BEACH SPRING

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

As children of God's light,
we are called to do what is pleasing to the Lord:
to participate in what is good and right and true,
and expose what is unfruitful and evil.
Knowing that we turn from light,
we bring our confession to God,
so that what is hidden in us becomes visible,
and the shadows of our hearts may be illuminated by grace.

Gracious God, we are people who still love darkness rather than light.

**We keep shameful deeds secret,
but flaunt our occasional acts of virtue.
We see ourselves as blameless,
but pass judgment on others.
We do not stand firmly enough
with those who are vulnerable,
but step back, protecting ourselves.**

**Forgive us, we pray.
Bring us into your light
that we may see ourselves rightly.
Bring us into your light
that we may know ourselves loved.
Bring us into your light
that we may live more fruitful lives.
Keep raising us, we pray, from the deadness of sin,
and shine upon us with your grace.
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ,
the light of the world. Amen.**

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**

As God's forgiven people,
receive this goodness and mercy,
and live a new life in the grace of Jesus Christ.
**We will live as children of the light
for Christ shines on us.**

***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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 9:1-41
Pew Bible p. 871-872

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

SERMON

"A Vision Quest"

Ewen Holmes

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 Anthem

Beautiful Savior

arr. Anna Laura Page

*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 649 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* AMAZING GRACE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: HYMN 451 OPEN MY EYES

Open My Eyes, That I May see, v. 1

***Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!***

POSTLUDE *You Are My All in All* Denis L. Jernigan

Worship Team

Mark Britt	Luke Browder	Justin Cazel	Jacob deMaine
Susan Felton	Ewen Holmes	Parker Johnson	Kristine Lee
Bobby Mock	Carol Phillips	Scott Reichen	Carter Rief
Caroline Robertson	Ava Watson	Rob Wright	

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