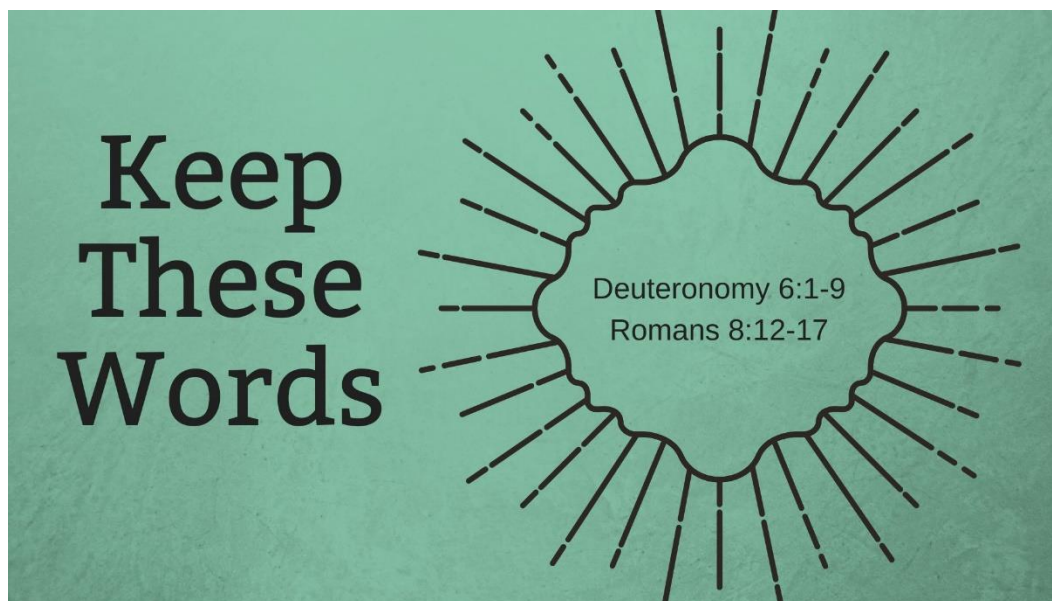


# John Knox Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

April 12, 2026



## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

PRELUDE

*How Great Thou Art*  
John Knox Handbells

arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

\*INTROIT: HYMN 244

*This Joyful Eastertide, v. 1*

VRUECHTEN

***This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!  
My love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow.  
Had Christ, who one was slain, not burst his three-day prison,  
our faith had been in vain.  
But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen.***

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Danny Schaaf  
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 246

*Christ Is Alive!*

TRURO

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Relying on God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Look upon us with mercy, God of love,  
not according to our worth, but according to your grace.

**Forgive us, loving God.**

When you offer us fullness of life in Jesus Christ  
and we trust our own weakness more than your strength,

**forgive us, loving God.**

When you greet us in the face of the needy one,  
the lonely one, the broken one,  
and we turn away from you,

**forgive us, loving God.**

When we prefer hating to loving and grasping to giving,  
when our comfort matters more to us than does your glory,

**forgive us, loving God.**

**In your mercy free us from the prison of our sin.**

**Bless us with your power for living,**

**that all we do and all we seek**

**would glorify your holy name.**

*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

Romans 5:8

The proof of God's amazing love for us is this:

**while we still were sinners, Christ died for us.**

We can trust the promise of God's saving love:

**In Jesus Christ, God frees and forgives us.**

**Alleluia! 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

Minute for Mission

## 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

Deuteronomy 6:1-9  
Pew Bible p.143

### NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 8:12-17  
Pew Bible p.919

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

### SERMON

"Keep These Words"

Carter Rief

### A TIME OF TESTIMONY: Confirmands' Statements of Faith

Montgomery Allender	Thomas Ballard	Heidi Carter	Olivia Carter
Grant Gailey	Yates Greene	Avery Johnson	Turner Long
Grant Reichen	Jake Smith		

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

### OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

*He Leadeth Me*  
John Knox Handbells

arr. Arnold B. Sherman

\*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

## SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

Presentation of Confirmands

Profession of Faith

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal p.35

Laying on of Hands

Prayer

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

**\*HYMN 817**

*We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*

DUNLAP'S CREEK

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: HYMN 543**

GREEN TYLER

*O Christ, Surround Me, v. 1*

***God, be the love to search and keep me;***

***God, be the prayer to move my voice;***

***God be the strength to now uphold me:***

***O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.***

**POSTLUDE**

*Thine Is the Glory*

George Frederick Handel

### 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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