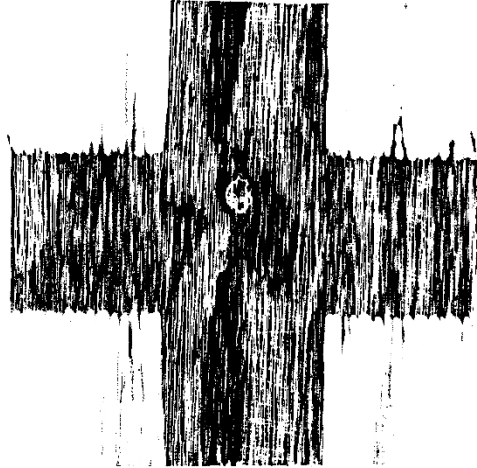


# John Knox Presbyterian Church

## Service for the Lord's Day

April 26, 2026



### GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

#### PRELUDE

**\*INTROIT: HYMN 515**

*I Come with Joy, v. 1*

DOVE OF PEACE

*I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me,  
in love laid down for me.*

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Children of God, let us gather together  
with gentle and generous hearts.

**For many signs and wonders  
are being done among us.**

Let us break bread together  
and share our lives in common.

**Let us give what we can to all who have needs  
so that all people, no matter who they are,  
may regard us with good will.**

Let us devote ourselves to our prayers and to the gospel.

**For in this way God will add to our number every day.**

**\*HYMN 39**

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

## **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Trusting in divine mercy,  
let us confess our faults before God and one another.

**Holy One, we confess to you and to one another  
that we have not always followed Christ's example.  
When we have been abused,  
we have been abusive in return.  
We have gone astray.  
Lead us back into your fold  
and guard our souls in Jesus' name. 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**

Friends, the promise of our faith is that  
if we entrust ourselves to the One who judges justly,  
we need not feel threatened,  
for we will be returned to righteousness.  
Having been brought back into the safety of God's fold,  
let us be reminded that we are forgiven.

Believe the good news of the gospel.  
**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 Ministry: Vacation Bible School

Jill Thompson and friends

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We celebrate the baptism of Emma Amelia Pelletier, daughter of Kyra and Will Pelletier, granddaughter of Mollie Greene and Will Pelletier, great-granddaughter of Libby Pelletier.

*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

1 Peter 2:18-25  
Pew Bible p.984-985

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

#### SERMON

"Being a Wounded Healer"

Ewen Holmes

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.  
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers  
in the one body of Christ, the Church.  
The same Spirit  
who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.**

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

#### OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory Anthem

*There is a Balm in Gilead*

arr. Robert Lau

\*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 187

*Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

BRADBURY

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: HYMN 541

RANDOLPH

*God Be with You Till We Meet Again, v. 1*

***God be with you till we meet again;  
loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd's care enfold you:  
God be with you till we meet again.***

POSTLUDE

Thanks to our guest organist, Grace Berardo.

### Worship Team

Mark Britt  
Susan Felton  
Bobby Mock  
Caroline Robertson

Luke Browder  
Ewen Holmes  
Carol Phillips  
Ava Watson

Justin Cazel  
Parker Johnson  
Scott Reichen  
Rob Wright

Jacob deMaine  
Kristine Lee  
Carter Rief

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