

# John Knox Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

May 17, 2026



## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

PRELUDE *Our Great Savior* arr. Miller

\*INTROIT: HYMN 409 *God Is Here!*, v. 1 ABBOT'S LEIGH

***God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.  
Here as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.***

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Austin Eckles

Shout for joy, sing songs of praise,  
**for God reigns over the earth!**  
God has gone up with a shout!  
**Sound the trumpets and sing songs of praise!**

\*HYMN 275 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* EIN' FESTE BURG

## **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Jesus tells us that repentance and forgiveness  
is to be offered in his name.

Therefore, let us confess our sins to God,  
who assures us of new life  
through the power of Christ's redeeming love.

**Living God,  
we confess that our faith is sometimes weak,  
our love for others can be faint,  
our prayers are often timid,  
and our gratitude is frequently unconvincing.  
When we stand looking toward heaven,  
yet feel far from you,  
you draw near in mercy to forgive us,  
and fill us with your power,  
through the grace of Jesus  
our resurrected Savior. 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 Christ is our witness,  
God's power to pardon is immeasurable.  
Therefore, proclaim this good news  
to the ends of the earth:

**through the mercy of Christ,  
our sins 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**

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

### TIME FOR CHILDREN

Erin Rigot

*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

Matthew 4:1-11  
Pew Bible p.785

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

### SERMON

"The Days"

Justin Cazel

## 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

*The Word Was God*

Rosephanye Powell

\*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

**A TIME OF SPECIAL RECOGNITION: 2026 Graduates**

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

\*HYMN 175

*Seek Ye First*

LAFFERTY

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: HYMN 757

KINGSFOLD

*Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples, v. 4*

***May we in service to our God act out the living word,  
and walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.  
As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord  
to God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.***

POSTLUDE

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

arr. Tonioli

Thanks to our guest pianist, Betty Ward.

### 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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