

# John Knox Presbyterian Church

## Service for the Lord's Day

May 24, 2026



### GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

PRELUDE

*Meditation on AZMON*

Lani Smith

\*INTROIT: HYMN 288

*Spirit of the Living God*

LIVING GOD

*Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.  
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Caroline Robertson

Let the righteous be joyful!  
Let them rejoice before God.

**Let us all be jubilant with joy!**

Sing to God, all peoples of the world.  
Sing praises to God most high.

**From the sanctuary of heaven,  
God gives life and renews the face of the earth.**

Let the righteous be joyful!  
Let them rejoice before God.

**Let us all be jubilant with joy!**

\*HYMN 280

*Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*

EBENEZER

## **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God not only desires our repentance,  
but longs to offer us forgiveness.  
Therefore, cast all your anxiety on God,  
because God cares for you eternally.

**Loving God,  
we confess that we do not always bring  
honor and glory to your name.  
We are rebellious and weak;  
we flee before your goodness,  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
by the grace and mercy of Christ,  
that we may rise up again in peace  
to love and serve your 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**

The Spirit of God is resting on you,  
to restore, support, and strengthen you.  
Therefore, be at peace in the One who forgives  
and loves you.  
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**

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

### 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

Genesis 11:1-9  
Pew Bible p.8

#### NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 2:1-17  
Pew Bible p.885

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

#### SERMON

"Cohesion in a Time of Chaos"

Ewen Holmes

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Confession of Belhar, 10.5a-c

**We believe**

- **That God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ,**
- **That the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells,**
- **That God's life-giving Word and Spirit have conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.**

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

### OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory Anthem

*Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me*

K. Lee Scott

\*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 289

*On Pentecost They Gathered*

MUNICH

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: HYMN 300

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

*We Are One in the Spirit, v. 1*

***We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.  
We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.***

POSTLUDE

*Fanfare on "Austrian Hymn"*

Gordon Young

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory  
of Dallas Schaaf by his family.

### 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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