

# John Knox Presbyterian Church

## Service for the Lord's Day May 31, 2026

### GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

**PRELUDE**

*Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

John Darwall

**\*INTROIT: HYMN 15**

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia!  
O brother sun with golden beam,  
O sister moon with silver gleam, sing praises!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Diane Paul

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with all of us this day.

**\*HYMN 305**

*Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

DARWALL'S 148TH

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Creation displays the glory of God,  
but our sin keeps us from rejoicing  
in the love God reveals.  
Let us confess our sins,  
so that we may receive God's grace.

**Presence, Life, Fire,  
God who is Three in One,  
we confess that we have turned away from you.  
We gaze upon ourselves  
as if we are worthy of worship.  
We take your creation into our hands,  
not to love, but to use and then to discard.  
We go to the people of the land,  
not to serve, but to press them into our service.  
We do not deserve that you would even notice us,**

but we pray for mercy because you are merciful.  
Flame of love, purify us from sin;  
Eternal Now, lead us to your truth;  
Risen One, baptize us into union with you:  
Transform us into faithful disciples who worship you alone,  
God who is Trinity. 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 Holy One of Israel,  
the Redeemer of all the world,  
and the Holy Spirit who comes as the breath of new life  
forgets the sins of all who repent.  
I declare to you, therefore, that you are forgiven.

**We receive this gracious gift  
in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one 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**

**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**

2 Kings 2:1-14  
Pew Bible p. 290

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

**SERMON**

“Crossing Over”

Justin Cazel

**RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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

### OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

*Thou Art Worthy*

Pauline M. Mills

\*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

### WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

\*HYMN 825

*Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*

SWING LOW

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: HYMN 295

SINE NOMINE

*Go to the World!, v. 1*

***Go to the world! Go into all the earth.  
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,  
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.***

POSTLUDE

*Psalm 19*

Benedetto Marcello

#### 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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