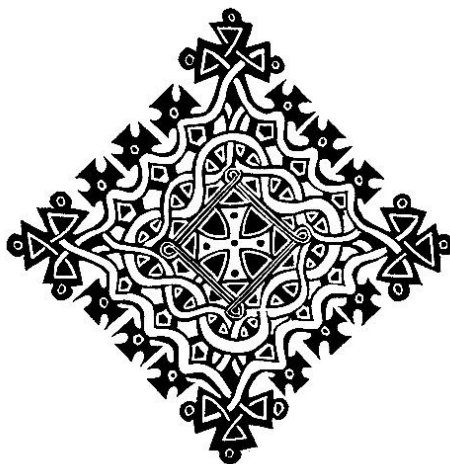


John Knox Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

August 9, 2026



GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

**Those who are able, please stand*

PRELUDE

Voluntary

Francois Couperin

*INTROIT: HYMN 307

God of Grace and God of Glory, v. 1

CWM RHONDDA

***God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.***

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God speaks peace to the faithful,
to those who turn to God in their hearts.

**Surely salvation is at hand
for those who fear God.**

Where God dwells,
steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

**Faithfulness springs up from the ground
and righteousness looks down from the sky.
God gives what is good
and we respond with abundant praise!**

*HYMN 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

The psalmist tells us that when we turn to God in our hearts,
God speaks peace to the faithful.

As we turn to God in true confession of our sins,
we trust in God, whose shalom makes us whole.

**Forgiving God,
we confess that we are conformed to this world.
We conform to this world's frantic pace,
too hectic to notice all the blessings you provide.
We conform to this world's reckless waste,
exploiting what you entrust to our care.
We conform to this world's shallow values,
oblivious to the giftedness of people different from us.
We conform to this world's impatient attitudes,
preferring the latest instead of the lasting.
Forgive our conformity and transform us, O God.
We pray 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**

Jesus is Lord!
God raised him from the dead
and we are saved through him.

**This is the good news we believe in our hearts
and confess with our mouths:
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!
This is good news to share with all people.**

***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

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.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 1:18-23 (CEV)
Pew Bible p. 914

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalms 82 (CEV)
Pew Bible p. 472

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

SERMON

"We're gods?"

Ewen Holmes

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Scots Confession (3.01)

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices

Paul Manz

*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 749

Come! Live in the Light!

WE ARE CALLED

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: HYMN 769

FOR EVERYONE BORN

For Everyone Born, v. 1

***For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead,
and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy,
compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice,
justice and joy!***

POSTLUDE

Bless Us, O Lord

P. Rasmussen

The rosebud in the Sanctuary this morning praises God for the birth of Parker Joseph Schloss to Martin & Ashley Schloss. Paul & Susan Harris are grandparents.

Worship Team

Mark Britt
Stephen Gusukuma
Bobby Mock
Caroline Robertson

Justin Cazel
Ewen Holmes
Carol Phillips
Ava Watson

Jacob deMaine
Parker Johnson
Scott Reichen
Rob Wright

Susan Felton
Kristine Lee
Carter Rief

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