

John Knox Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
September 13, 2026



GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

**Those who are able, please stand*

PRELUDE

Beautiful Saviour

John F. Wilson

***INTROIT: HYMN 309** *Come, Great God of All the Ages, v. 1*

ABBOT'S LEIGH

***Come, great God of all the ages; make your earthly mission known;
Speak through every deed and person; let your way and will be shown.
Guide the church to true commitment; give direction now, we ask;
fit us for the work of building; dedicate us to the task.***

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill Fuller

adapted from Psalms 89 and 100

I will sing of your steadfast love forever, O Lord;
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.
I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.
For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.

***HYMN 331**

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

NATIONAL HYMN

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

We know that nothing is able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.
Let us, then, in freedom confess our sins before God and one another.

**Holy and merciful God,
in your presence we confess our sinfulness,
our shortcomings, and our offenses against you.
You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from your ways,
in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.
Have mercy on us, O Lord,
for we are ashamed and sorry
for all we have done outside of your will for us.
Forgive our sins,
and help us to live in your light
and walk in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our 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**

Hear the good news!
There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus
has set you free from the law of sin and death.
The old life has gone; a new life has begun!
We can trust the promise of God's love:
In Jesus Christ we are freed and 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

GREET ONE ANOTHER

*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 will one day be restored
and they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
and they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Bill Mathews

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

Psalm 78:4-6
Pew Bible p. 468

ANTHEM

Guide My Feet
Guest Soloist: Elissa Jordan

arr. Avis D. Graves

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Hebrews 12:1-3
Pew Bible p. 978

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

SERMON

"Planting the Trees"

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

Amazing Grace

Early American Melody

*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 686**

God of Our Life

SANDON

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Kurt Kaiser

Pass it On, v. 1

***It only takes a spark to get a fire going
and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing.
That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it.
You spread His love to ev'ryone, you want to pass it on.***

POSTLUDE

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

arr. J. Wayne Kerr

Worship Team

Mark Britt
Stephen Gusukuma
Bobby Mock
Caroline Robertson

Justin Cazel
Ewen Holmes
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