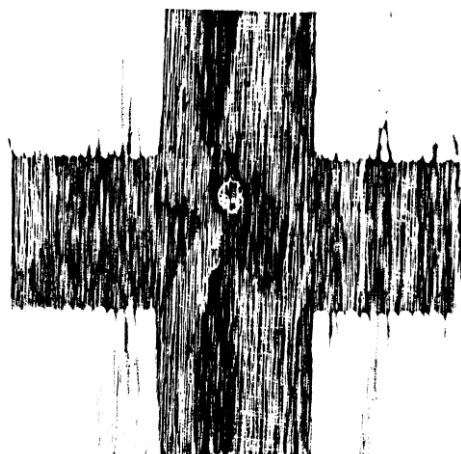


John Knox Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
September 20, 2026



GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

**Those who are able, please stand*

PRELUDE

On You Alone, Lord Jesus Christ

Johann Pachelbel

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

***INTROIT: HYMN 267** *Come, Christians, Join to Sing, v. 1*

MADRID

***Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!***

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ava Tepe

O give thanks to the Lord!
The Lord hears the cries of the people.
Give thanks to the Lord.
The works of the Lord are great.
Remember what God has done.
Give thanks to the Lord.
God has done miracles,
and the Lord always remembers God's covenant.
Give thanks to the Lord.
Glory and praise is due to the Lord!

***HYMN 688**

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

MORECAMBE

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Trusting in God's mercy,
let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

**Gracious God,
we have sought after things,
but we have not sought after you.
We have expected generosity,
but we have not shown generosity.
We have not been gracious or grateful.
We have failed to remember all that you have done.
Forgive us and fill our hearts with gratitude.
Help us to share our gifts
and strengthen our legs
so that we can run after you, O God.
In Jesus' name we pray. 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**

Dear friends, 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

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We celebrate the baptism of Ann Hollingsworth Rief,
daughter of Rev. Carter and Grace Rief.

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

Mark 12:41-44 (The Message)
Pew Bible p. 825

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

SERMON

"The Art of Giving"

Ewen Holmes

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Brief Statement of Faith (11.4)

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory Anthem

Offertory

John Ness Beck

*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 722**

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

CANONBURY

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: HYMN 542**

GOD BE WITH YOU

God Be with You Till We Meet Again, v. 1

***God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.***

POSTLUDE

The Heavens Are Telling
From "The Creation"

Franz Joseph Haydn

Worship Team

Mark Britt
Stephen Gusukuma
Bobby Mock
Caroline Robertson

Justin Cazel
Ewen Holmes
Carol Phillips
Rob Wright

Jacob deMaine
Parker Johnson
Scott Reichen

Susan Felton
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