

John Knox Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day September 27, 2026

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

**Those who are able, please stand*

PRELUDE

Voluntary in G Major

Samuel Jackson

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

***INTROIT: HYMN 15** *All Creatures of Our God and King, v. 1* 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**

Anna Cain-Robinson

Praise the Lord who is our provider.

The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.

God brought us out of bondage
and has made us free.

The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.

Glorious are the deeds of our God,
and mighty are his acts.

The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.

***HYMN 2**

Come, Thou Almighty King

ITALIAN HYMN

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors,
trusting in the promise of forgiveness.

**Almighty God,
we have been wandering
in the wilderness of sin.
We have complained in the face of your mercy.
We have been selfish and conceited
in the face of your sacrifice.
We have not done your will.
Teach us humility.**

Teach us gratitude.
Infuse your spirit into our beings
so that we might be reconciled to you.
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**

People of God, our sins are forgiven.
The Lord is loving, and we are reconciled to God.
Therefore, let us humbly surrender ourselves
to the glory and forgiving nature of God.
Thanks be to 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

Minute for Ministry: Pastoral Nominating Committee

Annalynn Barnett
Bill Mathews

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

Danielle Watson

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

1 Chronicles 29:10-13
Pew Bible p. 336

ANTHEM

The Artist

Joseph Martin

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 13:1-9
Pew Bible p. 794

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

SERMON

"A Complete Steward"

Ewen Holmes

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Confession of Belhar (10.3)

We believe:

that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; ...

that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope; and together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Meditation

C.F. Becker

*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 697**

Take My Life

HENDON

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: HYMN 702**

BUNESSAN

Christ Be Beside Me, v. 1

***Christ be beside me; Christ be before me;
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me; Christ be below me;
Christ be above me, never to part.***

POSTLUDE

The God of Abraham Praise

Gordon Young

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Dennis Harke by his family.

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
Kristine Lee
Carter Rief

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