

John Knox Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

October 25, 2026



GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

**Those who are able, please stand*

PRELUDE

It Is Well with My Soul

Philip P. Bliss

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

***INTROIT: HYMN 611** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee, v. 1*

HYMN TO JOY

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord, you have been our dwelling place
throughout all generations.

**In you, we come home—
to rest, to wrestle, to love, to be loved.
We dwell in you.**

Before the mountains were born,
before you delivered the whole world,
from everlasting past to everlasting future,
you are God.

**In you, we come home—
we dream, we flourish, we fade, we rejoice.
We dwell in you.**

***HYMN 39**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Our spirits are like new grass:
at the dawn they spring up fresh,
but by sunset they dry up and wither,
blown away in spiritual death.
Let us confess our frailty before our merciful God.

**Lord, we confess:
we do not live as those worthy
to be entrusted with the good news of your grace;
we relate to others callously
as though we do not trust that gospel ourselves;
we seek to please and manipulate,
using flattery to gain praise and distinction;
we use condescension as a mask
to cover insecurity or a need for power.
Our motives are mixed, impure.
Lord, reassure and cleanse us,
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**

Beloved ones,
believe again the gospel,
that in Christ we are accepted as we are.
Believe that we are forgiven,
loved with the delight of a nursing mother
cherishing her child.
Believe that we are the church, the body of Christ,
called to love one another as gentle children 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

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

Melanie Hendrix

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

Colossians 3:12-17 (CEB)
Pew Bible p. 958

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

ANTHEM

The Prayer of St. Francis

Rene Clausen

SERMON

"Surprised by Gratitude"

Rev. Dr. Will Willimon

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 AND THE PRESENTATION OF PROMISES

We invite everyone who is able to come forward to present their Estimate of Giving Cards. You can also place your tithes and offerings in the offering plates beside the Estimate of Giving Card baskets. For those unable to come forward, ushers will be available on the outside aisles.

Offertory

Nearer, My God, to Thee

Jason W. Krug

*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 69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

HERE I AM

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: HYMN 711

TOULON

Lord of All Good, v. 1

***Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you;
use them your holy purpose to fulfill,
tokens of love and pledges brought anew,
that your whole life is offered to your will.***

POSTLUDE

Finale of Symphony No. 1

Johannes Brahms

We are deeply grateful for the Rev. Dr. Will Willimon for his leadership in worship today.

The rosebud in the Sanctuary this morning praises God for the birth of Forrest Wade Ferguson, son of William & Gabrielle Ferguson, great-grandson of Anne Holden and Ronald Alford.

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Peggy Dorsey by Marion Dorsey.

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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