

# John Knox Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day  
February 8, 2026



## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

**PRELUDE**

*Voluntary on G Major*

Francois Couperin

**\*INTROIT: HYMN 336**

*We Gather Together, v. 1*

BUNESSAN

*We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;  
he chastens and hastens his will to make known;  
the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.  
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

April Pierce

Blessed be the Lord, O people sing!  
Let the sound of praise ring out.  
Come and hear what the Lord has done,  
the Lord who has made everything.

**\*HYMN 415**

*Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needs*

RESTORATION

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins before God,  
Our help in times of trouble.

**Almighty God,  
we have asked for your righteous judgment against others,  
but we have not acknowledged the sin in our own lives.  
We have worshiped you with our lips,  
but have dishonored you with our actions.  
We have prayed for you to end suffering in our world,  
yet we have not practiced compassion and generosity toward others.  
Our religion has become the source of quarreling  
rather than a testimony of your grace.  
Forgive our self-righteousness and give us integrity of heart,  
that we may shine forth the light of your salvation,  
through Christ our Lord. 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

In mercy God forgives us our sin  
and grants us genuine repentance  
through the grace and power of the Holy Spirit.

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

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

### A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Danny Schaaf

*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

Matthew 18:23-35  
CEV

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

#### SERMON

"A Teaching Moment On Mercy"

Ewen Holmes

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Brief Statement of Faith (1983)  
Book of Confessions of the PCUSA

**In life and in death we belong to God.  
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

### OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory Anthem                    *Make a Joyful Noise!*                    Benjamin Harlan

\*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 436**

*God of Compassion in Mercy Befriend Us*

O QUANTA QUALIA

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: HYMN 447**

WE ARE FORGIVEN

*We Are Forgiven*

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.  
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Bless Us, O Lord*

P. Rasmussen

The rosebud in the Sanctuary this morning praises God for the birth of Ann "Nan" Hollingsworth Rief to Carter and Grace Rief on January 31.

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Deborah Jean Plummer, late wife of Jim Plummer, to acknowledge the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their marriage.

### Worship Team

Mark Britt

Susan Felton

Bobby Mock

Caroline Robertson

Luke Browder

Ewen Holmes

Carol Phillips

Ava Watson

Justin Cazel

Parker Johnson

Scott Reichen

Rob Wright

Jacob deMaine

Kristine Lee

Carter Rief

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