

John Knox Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

February 22, 2026



GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

**Those who are able, please stand*

PRELUDE *Meditation on Wonderous Love* arr. Don Phillips

***INTROIT: HYMN 824** *Near to the Heart of God, v. 1* MC AFEE

*There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God,
a place where sin cannot molest, near to the heart of God.
O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,
hold us, who wait before thee, near to the heart of God.*

***CALL TO WORSHIP** James Hendrix

People of God, on this wilderness journey, what will you eat?

The word of the Lord is our daily bread.

People of God, in this time of temptation, how will you live?

Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.

People of God, at this kingdom crossroad, whom will you serve?

We worship the Lord our God alone.

***HYMN 307** *God of Grace and God of Glory* CWM RHONDDA

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Happy are those whose sin is forgiven,
who no longer suffer in silence,
but name their sin and seek God's grace.

**Lord God, you know the ways of good and evil.
You know the things that tempt us
and the things that give life.
You know our nakedness and you know our sin.
We confess that we have disobeyed your word,
denying your providence and care
and relying on our own cleverness.**

**Have mercy on us, we pray:
cover us with your grace,
feed us with the bread of life,
and re-create us in your image;
through 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**

Happy are those whose sin is forgiven!
Be glad in the Lord and shout for joy:
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Sarah Brand

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

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Pew Bible p.2

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 4:1-11
Pew Bible p. 785

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

SERMON

"The Tempter's Whisper"

Ewen Holmes

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 Anthem

A Lenten Prayer

Hal H. Hopson

*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 167

Forty Days and Forty Nights

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*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: HYMN 546

SICILIAN MARINERS

Lord, Dismiss us with Your Blessing, v. 1

***Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.***

POSTLUDE

Verso in E Minor

Domenico Zipoli

The rosebud in the Sanctuary this morning praises God for the birth of Isla Jo Compton to Aaron & Holland (Cloer) Compton. Guy & Georgia Cloer are great-grandparents.

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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