# JOHN KNOX

# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## **VISITORS!**

We welcome you to our church today. We hope you receive a blessing and will come be a part of our church family again! Please fill out a pew card and ask for a welcome bag.

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Christmas Eve** 8:00 pm| December 24, 2023

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CANDLE LIGHTING

HYMN #133 O Come, All Ye Faithful

TIME FOR CENTERING

OFFERING

JKPC CHOIR

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:1-20

SERMON Rev. Dr. Tom MacMillan

HYMN #122 Silent Night

PRAYER

HYMN #134 Joy to the World

**CHARGE & BENEDICTION** 

POSTLUDE Pachabel Canon in D

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Dr. Tom MacMillan, Pastor

Rev. Susanne Bendoraitis, Executive Associate Pastor

Rev. Dr. Kristian Bendoraitis, Director of Alternative Worship and Digital Ministry

Craig Galinski, Director of Music

Sue Schueller, Worship Assistant

Kristen Miller, Liturgical Movement

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We believe God is leading us to extend radical hospitality, build authentic community, and join in God's transforming work in the world.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 24: 8 pm - Traditional Christmas Eve Service (In-Person & Online)

Monday, December 25: Christmas Day Office Closed 11 am - AA Meeting/ 108-109 7 pm - Al-Anon/ Library

Tuesday, December 26:Office Closed10:30 am- AA/ 108-1091 pm- Women's AA/ 108-1097 pm- Stephen Ministers/Lounge

Wednesday, December 27:9:30 am- Women's AA/ Youth Room10 am- OA/ 108-10911 am- Bridge/ Gallery

#### Thursday, December 28: 9:30 am - Quilters/ 108-109

6 pm- Knitters/ 108-1096 pm- Drop-In Grief Support Group/ Lounge7 pm- Disciple Group/ Library

**Friday, December 29:** 8:30 pm - AA/ Fellowship Hall/Gallery

**Saturday, December 30:** 1 pm - Women's AA/ 108-109

Sunday, December 31:Intergenerational Worship10 am- Worship (In-Person & Online)11 am- Coffee Hour/ Trinity Hall7 pm- Al-Anon/ Lounge7:30 pm- AA/ 108-109



### John Knox Announcements December 24, 2023

#### YEAR END GIVING

As we celebrate the gift of Jesus, let's open our hearts to the joy of giving. Your generosity has been a blessing to our church family, allowing us to spread God's love in meaningful ways. We hope you will continue this important work with a gift to John Knox Presbyterian Church. Please visit <u>www.johnknoxpc.org/give</u> to donate or contact Mindi Schibley at <u>mschibley@johnknoxpc.org</u>.

#### **NEW THEME FOR 2024**

Cultivating Faith in a Rocky World.

As 2024 begins, join us for our new series where we walk through the Gospel of Mark and seek ways to prepare the "soil" of our hearts. Using the parable of the sower in Mark 4 as metaphor for creating room in our lives for God's seeds to take root, we will be examining the life of Jesus and Romans 12:1-2 to bring us closer to God and each other.

#### **OFFICE CLOSED**

The front office will be closed on December 25 and 26, and will reopen on Wednesday, December 27, at 8:30 AM.

#### WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday morning Bible Study will not meet on December 27 or January 3. Classes will resume at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, January 10.

#### **BELL CHOIR NEEDS A RINGER**

The Chancel Bell Choir has an opening for a ringer due to a couple of retirements. This would be for lower bells, which is a good entry point for anyone without ringing experience. Please contact Barb Forslund if you have any interest. <u>blforslund@gmail.com</u> or (610) 639-2731.

#### **SINGERS NEEDED**

Love to sing? The John Knox Choir is looking for new members. If you are interested in joining, please contact Craig Galinski at

<u>cgalinski@johnknoxpc.org</u>. Music experience preferred but not needed.

#### **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**

Looking for support or people to journey with you as you grieve? There is a Drop-in Grief Support Group on Thursdays, 6:00-7:00 PM, in the lounge. This is a safe space. Share or don't. Listen or be heard. Be kind. Know you are not alone.

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