

JOHN KNOX

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:00 am | December 24, 2023

SONG *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CANDLE LIGHTING

CHRISTINGLE INTRODUCTION

The orange represents the world.

SONG *Joy to the World*

CHRISTINGLE PART 2

The red ribbon represents the love of Jesus.

SONG *Silent Night*

CHRISTINGLE PART 3

The sweets represent all the seasons of life.

SONG *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

CHRISTINGLE PART 4

The candle represents the light of Christ.

SONG *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

PRAYER & OFFERING

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Sunday, December 24:

10 am - Worship (In-Person & Online)
11 am - Coffee Hour/ Trinity Hall
6 pm - Family Friendly Christmas Eve Service (In-Person & Online)
7 pm - Al-Anon/ Lounge
7:30 pm - AA/ 108-109
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 Closed

10:30 am - AA/ 108-109
1 pm - Women's AA/ 108-109
7 pm - Stephen Ministers/Lounge

Wednesday, December 27:

9:30 am - Women's AA/ Youth Room
10 am - OA/ 108-109
11 am - Bridge/ Gallery

Thursday, December 28:

9:30 am - Quilters/ 108-109
6 pm - Knitters/ 108-109
6 pm - Drop-In Grief Support Group/ Lounge
7 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 Worship

10 am - Worship (In-Person & Online)
11 am - Coffee Hour/ Trinity Hall
7 pm - Al-Anon/ Lounge
7:30 pm - AA/ 108-109

New to the prayer list this week: Kelly and Pat; Palma Maria Justice; Kylie Mirenda

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

Emily Koza, Liturgical Movement

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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 www.johnknoxpc.org/give to donate or contact Mindi Schibley at mschibley@johnknoxpc.org.

THE ELDERS OF JAZZ

Bass	Kristian Bendoraitis
Piano	Craig Galinski
Trombone	Ken Hayden
Drums	Kim Kazda
Clarinet	Dalton Love
Tambourine	Jan Traxler
Trumpet	Jim Traxler

The Elders of Jazz are amateur Dixieland musicians who play to praise God in their own, special, joyous way. Many of the "Elders" are in fact ordained elders in the Presbyterian Church. The group was founded by Jim Traxler, an elder at John Knox Presbyterian Church, and the late and beloved Al Hart, former pastor of Avon Lake Presbyterian Church and parish associate at John Knox Presbyterian.

MAKE A CHRISTINGLE

Join us in Trinity Hall after worship to make your own Christingle to take home. All of the necessary supplies will be provided.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

6:00 PM Christmas Eve Service - family friendly worship service

8:00 PM Christmas Eve Service - traditional, candlelight service

Both services will also be streamed online.

OFFICE CLOSED

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

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.

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. blforslund@gmail.com 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 cgalinski@johnknoxpc.org. 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.

