

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.

Today is Communion Sunday. We invite you to gather your elements so that we may all share the Lord's Supper.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

First Sunday of Advent

10:00 am | December 3, 2023

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *What Child Is This*

JKPC CHOIR *Prepare Ye the Way*

TIME FOR CENTERING

SCRIPTURE *Luke 1:67-79*

SERMON Rev. Dr. Tom MacMillan

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN #88 *O Come, O Come Emmanuel (vs. 1,6,7)*

PRAYER & OFFERING

CHARGE & BENECTION

POSTLUDE Hymn# 106 *Prepare the Way, O Zion*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

New to the prayer list this week: Mary Lou Higgerson; Frank; Xochil Wilson

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

Betty Dimond, Flutist

Jordyn Schibley, Liturgical Movement

Brad Harbison, Worship Assistant

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Sunday, December 3:

- 10 am - Worship (In-Person & Online)
- 10 am - Youth Sunday School/ Youth Room
- 10 am - Sunday School/ 107 & 135
- 11 am - 2nd Hour Experience Fall Prevention Workshop
- 11 am - Coffee Hour/ Trinity Hall
- 7 pm - Al-Anon/ Lounge
- 7:30 pm - AA/ 108-109

Monday, December 4:

- 11 am - AA Meeting/ 108-109
- 7 pm - Personnel Meeting/ Lounge
- 7 pm - Al-Anon/ Library
- 7 pm - REMIX Practice/ Sanctuary
- 7 pm - Mission Committee/ 108-109
- 7:30 pm - CE Committee Meeting/ Zoom

Tuesday, December 5:

- 7 am - Men's Bible Study/ Lounge
- 10 am - Staff/ Lounge
- 10:30 am - AA/ 108-109
- 1 pm - Women's AA/ 108-109
- 7 pm - Evening of Remembrance/ Sanctuary & Gallery
- 7 pm - Finance Committee/ Library

Wednesday, December 6:

- 9:30 am - Wednesday Morning Bible Study/ Trinity Hall
- 9:30 am - Women's AA/ Youth Room
- 10 am - OA/ 108-109
- 11 am - Bridge/ Gallery
- 6 pm - Membership Committee/ Library
- 6 pm - Spirit Moves Yoga/Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 pm - Bell Choir Rehearsal/ 108-109
- 7 pm - Choir Rehearsal/ Sanctuary

Thursday, December 7:

- 9:30 am - Quilters/ 108-109
- 10 am - Toddler Time/ Fellowship Hall
- 12 pm - Cookie Baking/ Kitchen
- 6 pm - Drop-In Grief Support Group/ Lounge
- 6 pm - Flute Rehearsal/ Sanctuary
- 7 pm - Disciple Group/ Library

Friday, December 8:

- 8:30 pm - AA/ Fellowship Hall/Gallery

Saturday, December 9:

- 11 am - ROHR Study Group/Lounge
- 1 pm - Women's AA/ 108-109

Sunday, December 10:

- 10 am - Worship (In-Person & Online)
- 10 am - Youth Sunday School/ Youth Room
- 10 am - Sunday School/ 107 & 135
- 11 am - Healing Prayer/ Lounge
- 11 am - Coffee Hour/ Trinity Hall
- 11:15 am - Preschool Board Meeting/ Library
- 4 pm - Christmas Concert/ Sanctuary
- 7 pm - Al-Anon/ Lounge
- 7:30 pm - AA/ 108-109

John Knox Announcements - December 3, 2023

FALL PREVENTION WORKSHOP

Join Kyle MacMillan, Physical Therapist and Owner of Bridge Rehab and Performance, in Fellowship Hall following worship today for a workshop that will teach you how to improve your balance, bone density, posture, and reduce the risk for falling. With winter here, it is crucial to make sure your body is balanced enough to avoid falls and fractures.

ONLINE PICTURE DIRECTORY

Want an updated online picture directory? We do too! Help us by stopping by Trinity Hall after worship today or December 10 to get your picture taken and update your information.

ANGEL TREE

The Angel Tree in Trinity Hall still has several angels needing picked. Simply choose an angel, sign the sign-up sheet corresponding with your angel, purchase the gift, and bring the wrapped gift back to the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Tunney at 440-454-3194, or kwtunney@yahoo.com. Thank you for your participation in this wonderful program!

WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP

Please join our JKPC Women's Small Group on Tuesday, December 12, from 7:00-8:00 PM in the Sanctuary for an evening to *Pause* in calm, peace, and quiet as we prepare our hearts for birth of Jesus. These hectic times as we hustle and bustle getting everything just right for Christmas can be very stressful. Take some time for yourself just to unwind and enjoy scripture, music, and meditation. Invite your friends, sisters, neighbors...any woman who you think might benefit from a little relaxation during this busy, busy time.

COOKIE EXCHANGE

Join us for a cookie baking and exchange party on Thursday, December 7. Help bake cookies in the church kitchen from noon-4:30 PM, or you can bring finished cookies to exchange by 3:00 PM to the north door hallway outside of Trinity Hall. RSVP with type of cookie (and email your recipe to be included in an electronic "Cookie Book" to share) to Valerie Lyons, vlyons@prodigy.net or text/call 216-236-3898.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2023

JKPC will present a special Christmas program featuring the multi-talented musicians of the John Knox family next Sunday, December 10, at 4:00 PM in the Sanctuary. Concert will include performances by the Chancel Choir, Bell Choir, Flute Ensemble, REMIX Band, and other small ensembles from our talented musicians. Join us in person or online. Reception will follow in Trinity Hall.

NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM

Mark your calendars for our popular LIVE Nativity: Night in Bethlehem on Wednesday, December 20 from 6:00-8:00 PM. John Knox youth will be in costume, and we will have live animals including a camel! Enjoy a Christmas carol sing along, treats, crafts, and celebrate the season with friends and family.

EVENING OF REMEMBRANCE

Our beautiful and reflective Evening of Remembrance will be on Tuesday, December 5, at 7:00 PM. This is an evening for members of our congregation and the community who have lost loved ones in past years. This very special meditative evening in the Sanctuary involves a candle lighting service, music, readings, and a meditation. Please contact the church office to give the name of your loved one being honored at info@johnknoxpc.org or 440-777-3744.

HATS, MITTENS, GLOVES AND SOCKS

Many in our community struggle to stay warm as the temperature drops. We are hoping you will help keep the hands and feet of our neighbors warm this winter. Congregational Life will be collecting new hats, mittens, gloves, and socks for those in need through December 10. Donations can be placed in the shopping bags around the Christmas tree near the north entrance. Distribution of the items will be coordinated by the Mission Committee. Please help make our donations generous.

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.

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Give Now!

