

# 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. Wherever you are worshipping, we invite you to gather your elements so that we may all share the Lord's Supper.

Today's service is intergenerational. We welcome all children who are worshipping with us.

#### ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 am | January 7, 2024

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG *Silent Night*

SCRIPTURE *Mark 4:1-20*

MESSAGE #1 *God the Sower*

SONG *Joy to the World*

MESSAGE #2 *What's the Rocky Soil*

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

MESSAGE #3 *How to Create Good Soil*

PRAYER & OFFERING

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Angels We Have Heard on High*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

New to the prayer list this week: Vickie Hasleberger; aunt of the Bluell Family; Haibeh Hariri; Ron Sathre; The Burnett Family

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

Al Strauss, Worship Assistant

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#### Sunday, January 7:

##### Communion Sunday

- 10 am - Worship (In-Person & Online)
- 11 am - Coffee Hour/ Trinity Hall
- 4pm - Youth Group
- 7 pm - REMIX Practice/ Sanctuary
- 7 pm - Al-Anon/ Lounge
- 7:30 pm - AA/ 108-109

#### Monday, January 8:

- 11 am - AA Meeting/ 108-109
- 7 pm - Al-Anon/ Library
- 7 pm - Session & Deacons/ Trinity Hall

#### Tuesday, January 9:

- 7 am - Men's Bible Study/ Lounge
- 10 am - Staff/ Lounge
- 10:30 am - PEO Ch. AF/ Trinity Hall
- 10:30 am - AA/ 108-109
- 1 pm - Women's AA/ 108-109
- 4:30 pm - Building & Grounds Meeting/ Lounge
- 7 pm - Congregational Life/ 108-109
- 7 pm - Women's Small Group/ Lounge

#### Wednesday, January 10:

- 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
- 6:30 pm - Bell Choir Rehearsal/ 108-109
- 7 pm - Choir Rehearsal/ Sanctuary

#### Thursday, January 11:

- 9:30 am - Quilters/ 108-109
- 10 am - Toddler Time/ Fellowship Hall
- 11 am - Bridge/ Gallery
- 6 pm - Knitters/ 108-109
- 6 pm - Drop-In Grief Support Group/ Lounge
- 7 pm - Disciple Group/ Library

#### Friday, January 12:

- 9 am - TOPS/ 108-109
- 8:30 pm - AA/ Fellowship Hall/Gallery

#### Saturday, January 13:

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

#### Sunday, January 14:

- 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
- 7 pm - Al-Anon/ Lounge
- 7:30 pm - AA/ 108-109



## John Knox Announcements January 7, 2024

### 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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

