

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

Third Sunday of Advent

10:00 am | December 17, 2023

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CANDLE LIGHTING

HYMN #143 *Angels, From the Realms of Glory*

TIME FOR CENTERING

SCRIPTURE *Luke 1:39-56*

SERMON Rev. Dr. Tom MacMillan

BELL CHOIR *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

PRAYER & OFFERING

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

BELL CHOIR *Ring of Exaltation*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

New to the prayer list this week: Marsha Wrenn

Please keep the family and friends of Judy Gilbert in prayer. Judy passed away this past week.

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

Jim Traxler, Bell Choir Director

Alex Tinline, Liturgical Movement

Mary Ellen Isaac, Worship Assistant

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Sunday, December 17:

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

Monday, December 18:

11 am - AA Meeting/ 108-109
7 pm - REMIX Practice/ Sanctuary
7 pm - Al-Anon/ Library

Tuesday, December 19:

7 am - Men's Bible Study/ Lounge
10 am - Staff/ Lounge
10:30 am - AA/ 108-109
1 pm - Women's AA/ 108-109
5 pm - Community Meal (Drive Thru)
7 pm - FAW (MacMillan)/ Lounge
7 pm - BSA #700 Meeting/ Fellowship Hall, Youth Room

Wednesday, December 20:

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 - Night in Bethlehem/ Trinity Hall
6 pm - Spirit Moves Yoga/Fellowship Hall
7 pm - Choir Rehearsal/ Sanctuary

Thursday, December 21:

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

Friday, December 22:

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8:30 pm - AA/ Fellowship Hall/Gallery

Saturday, December 23:

1 pm - Women's AA/ 108-109

Sunday, December 24:

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

John Knox Announcements

December 17, 2023

YEAR END GIVING

As we journey into the Advent season and look forward to a blessed 2024, we remember Deuteronomy 31:7-8 and the bold steps of faith we are called upon to take together. *Be strong. Take Courage. You will enter the land with this people...God is striding ahead of you. God's right there with you. God won't let you down: God won't leave you. Don't be intimidated. Don't worry.* This passage reminds us that our faith journey is one of both courage and support. And one way we can uphold this courage and provide support is through our financial stewardship. We have a very generous community. Without your support, John Knox would not be able to live into God's Vision for this church. However, we are currently about 7% behind in our projected income. Your contributions this December and your pledge for 2024 are important to help us finish the year strong and be in a good position for next year. If you are looking for ways to maximize your commitment, you want to consider giving in "tax-smart" ways, like stock donations, donor advised funds, or qualified charitable distributions. Please visit www.johnknoxpc.org/give to discover more giving options or contact Mindi Schibley at mschibley@johnknoxpc.org. Thank you again for your generosity and commitment to our mission. We are truly grateful.

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.

DONATING SECURITIES

Donating stock or securities is another way you can fulfill your operating pledge and make a special year-end gift. It could help you avoid paying capital gains tax on appreciated stocks, and John Knox will receive the full value. Making a gift of stock is easy:

1. Contact your broker and provide them with the transfer information:

Charles Schwab: Account Number 9820-3777

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2. Contact Mindi Schibley to notify her of the pending transfer.

3. Once the stock is transferred, Mindi will be notified, the stock will then be sold, and the church will receive the proceeds.

4. You will receive a donation receipt from John Knox indicating the details of the donation for tax reporting purposes.

OFFICE CLOSED

The front office will be closed on Friday, December 22, and will reopen on Wednesday, December 27, at 8:30 AM.

ONLINE PICTURE DIRECTORY

Want an updated online picture directory? We do too! Help us by stopping by Trinity Hall after worship today to get your picture taken and update your information. All members, friends, family, and visitors are welcome to join the online directory.

COMMUNITY MEAL

Join us for the December Community Meal Drive-thru on Tuesday, December 19, from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM. Come through and receive a hot meal and a bag of groceries. All are welcome!

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

We will have our regular worship service celebrating the 4th Sunday of Advent on Christmas Eve morning at 10:00 AM. This will be an intergenerational service, and the Elders of Jazz will be performing.

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

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

All three services will also be streamed online.

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.

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