



**KNOX
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

Sunday Worship Service

December 10, 2023

11:30 AM

Third Sunday of Advent

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship – From Psalm 103

¹ Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me,
bless God's holy name.

² **Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all God's benefits—**

³ who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

⁴ who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

⁵ **who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

⁶ The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

⁷ He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

⁸ **The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

What Joy

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You made the heavens and the earth

The sea and all that is in them

Your promises remain

You give justice to the weak

You care for the widow and orphan

Forever Lord You reign

Chorus

You make the blinded eyes to see

And cherish those who seek Your face

Your faithful love endures

You came to let the slave go free

You cause the sinner to sing praise

In You we are secure

Chorus

Chorus x2

What joy, what joy

*For those whose hope is in the
name of the Lord*

What peace what peace

*For those whose confidence
is God alone*

Hallelujah, hallelujah
Hallelujah, hallelujah

Hallelujah, forever we will sing
Hallelujah, praises to the King
Hallelujah, forever we will sing
Hallelujah, praises to the King

Chorus

Hallelujah, forever we will sing
Hallelujah, praises to the King
Hallelujah, forever we will sing
Hallelujah, praises to the King

Hallelujah, hallelujah
Hallelujah, hallelujah

Prayer of Confession

There is a Longing in Our Hearts

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There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord
For you to reveal yourself to us
There is a longing in our hearts for love
We only find in you, our God

Shepherd us, O God – 23H Psalms for All Seasons

Refrain Fm D^b our A^b E^b

Shep - herd us O God, be - yond our wants, be -

Cm7 D^b B^bm7 Cm7 (Last time D^b E^b Fm B^bm F) Fm B^bm Fm

yond our fears, from death in - to life.

Assurance of Pardon – From Psalm 103

⁸The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹He will not always accuse,
nor will he keep his anger forever.

¹⁰He does not deal with us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

¹¹For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

¹²as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.

Amen.

What joy, what joy

For those whose hope is in the name of the Lord

What peace, what peace

For those whose confidence is God alone

Prayers of the People

Minute for Mission

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle - Joy

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God above ye heavenly host,

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

You are now invited to light a candle at the front of the sanctuary



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Song During Offering: Open Up John Arndt / David Gungor © 2011

You heard the cry of our hearts and you came down
Freely you gave us your love, showing us how

Make me an instrument of your peace
Where there is hatred let me show love
Where there is darkness let me shine light and
May your love cause us to open up
Cause us to open up our hearts
May your light cause us to shine so bright
That we bring hope into the dark

All that we do without love, it means nothing
Grant us the courage to give, as you're calling

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4, 10-11

¹The spirit of the Lord God is upon me because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, ²to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, ³to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. ⁴They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my whole being shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹For as the earth brings forth its shoots and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Second Scripture Reading – Luke 1:46-55

⁴⁶ And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord,
⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
⁴⁸ for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant.
Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed,
⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his
name; ⁵⁰ indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
⁵² He has brought down the powerful from their thrones
and lifted up the lowly;
⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.
⁵⁴ He has come to the aid of his child Israel, in remembrance of his
mercy, ⁵⁵ according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

Sermon

Canticle of the Turning

Glory to God #100

My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
So from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain:

*My heart shall sing of the day you bring
Let the fires of your justice burn
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn!*

Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me,
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
You will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn. *Refrain*

From the halls of power to the fortress tower,
not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
ev'ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;
There are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn. *Refrain*

Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard
is the promise which holds us bound,
'Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around. *Refrain*

Refrain:

*My heart shall sing of the day you bring
Let the fires of your justice burn
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn!*

Benediction

Thank you to our Leaders in Worship

Pastor: Rev. Drew Peterson

Pastor for Imaginative Worship: Rev. Dr. Taylor Telford

Worship Leaders: Lace Williams, Olivia Larinan, Jo Santucci

Audio/Video Technician: Jason Stuart

Greeter: Lois Robertson

Upcoming Schedule

Dec 9	Manzanita House Winter Tea Tasting & Bazaar 500 S Stone DR MLK Jr. Community Center	10a.m. - 2p.m.
Dec 10	Ministry Team Meetings	Before Worship
	Worship - <i>Christmas Joy Offering</i>	11:30 a.m.
	Resilient Threads Guatemala Fair Trade sale	Before & After Worship
Dec 14	Ministry Team Minutes Due	5 p.m.
Dec 17	Worship	11:30 a.m.
Dec 18	Session	6-8p.m.
Dec 21	Bethany Presbyterian Church Service for the Weary at Knox Pres	6:30 pm
Dec 24	Christmas Eve Worship	4:30 p.m.
Dec 31	New Years Eve Morning Worship	11:30 a.m.

Announcements

Thank you to the Knox congregation for your help in our successful participation with **Christmas is in the Bag!** Thanks to your generosity, we were able to fill 18 purses to bless the women who work at Christ Kitchen.

Prayers

Middle East

Continue to pray for peace in Gaza and Israel.

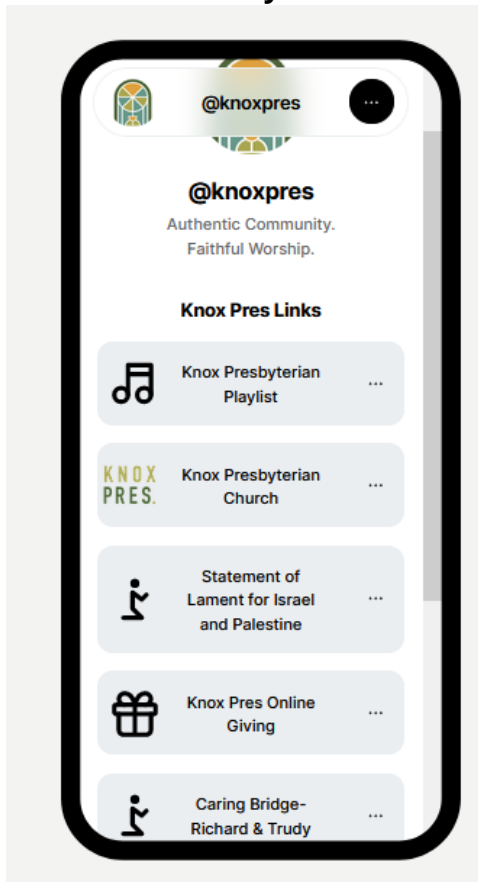
Richard Raymond

Pray for Richard Raymond's health, and strength for Trudy as they navigate through this uncertain time. You can leave a prayer and follow their journey on Caring Bridge **by scanning the Knox Link Tree QR Code below.**

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