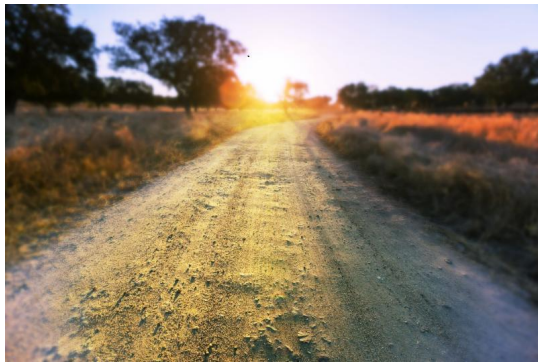




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Following Jesus: The Path A Lenten Worship Series

Lent is a season that invites our spiritual honesty. We confess our bankruptcy, plead our inability to redeem ourselves, and turn toward God afresh. The path we take is through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, as we follow his human pilgrimage toward Jerusalem. Our faithful following takes us into the teeth of the powers that crucified Jesus. Only by following Jesus there can we appreciate and enjoy fully God's victory in Christ and the risen life we share as Jesus' people.

Join us each week in worship as we follow Jesus on the path toward his crucifixion and resurrection--and ours.

This Sunday's Worship:

Scripture Lessons

[Luke 19:28-40](#)

[Philippians 2:5-11](#)

Sermon

"Following Jesus: The Cross "

Gordon Turnbull

Click [here](#) to preview the bulletin.



Hosanna!



Holy Week Schedule

Sunday, March 20 - Palm Sunday

- Regular worship services

Thursday, March 24 - Maundy Thursday

- Dinner at 5:45 PM and service at 6:30 PM (Details in separate article)

Sunday, March 27 - Easter Sunday

- Sunrise Service at 7:00 AM - Community Service at John Knox for the three churches on Shannon Drive. Breakfast will follow this special service.
- Join us for our 8:45 or 11:00 AM service. Please note that the 8:45 service will be in the Sanctuary for Easter morning only, following the same early service format. Be sure to bring fresh cut flowers with you to both services this special day. The Easter Cross outside the Sanctuary will again be transformed into a beautiful symbol of our faith.

One Great of Sharing Offering provides relief to those affected by natural disasters, provides food to the hungry, and assists in helping the poor and oppressed. March 27th we will join with millions to share God's love with our neighbors around the world by giving to this Special Offering Easter Sunday.



Easter Flowers

Sunday, March 27, is Easter and now is the time to reserve your lilies **to take home**. As in the past, the lilies will be placed in the sanctuary on Easter morning and will be available to take home after the 8:45 AM and 11:00 services. You may choose to donate your flowers to a home-bound member if you prefer.

You may contribute to the Easter Lily Flower Fund by sending in a suggested donation of **\$15.00 for each person or family** you would like to remember. The names of those being honored will be listed in the bulletin Easter Sunday.

Please click the link to the right, fill out the form, and place in the offering plate or mail it along with contribution clearly marked **"EASTER LILY Flower Fund"** to the Church Office **no later than Sunday, March 20**.



Easter Flower Form

No Wednesday Night Program or Supper this week due to Maundy Thursday.

Thursday, March 24

Please join us for dinner beginning at 5:45 PM in the Fellowship Hall and a service in the Sanctuary at 6:30 PM. Nursery provided. Make reservations with the church office by Noon on Tuesday, March 22, for dinner or fill out the green reservation card in the pews and place in the offering plate.

Permanent Wednesday night reservations will not stand. There will be no Wednesday night program this week.



Maundy Thursday Offering to Benefit [Place of Hope at UM](#)

The Place of Hope that is part of United Ministries addresses core problems leading to homelessness, such as unemployment, poor health, substance abuse, mental illness and/or lack of education. By establishing relationships with participants, showing interest in, and understanding of, their situation and partnering with other agencies in the community, the Place of Hope can help individuals get off the streets and into a home.

Nearly 5,000 showers a year are provided to homeless individuals who do not have access to restroom facilities. Staff and volunteers provide each individual with single-use hygiene products, such as razors, enabling every person to start the day fresh and clean.

Founded in 1970, United Ministries provides life-changing opportunities and advocacy for people in our community who lack education or employment skills, who are in financial crisis, or who are homeless.

As a witness of Christ's call in our lives, please be generous on Maundy Thursday to benefit those served at the Place of Hope! "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:40)



Choir Members Wanted

Please consider helping to enhance the 8:45 worship service by singing with the choir. No prior experience is necessary! We need all voice parts and would love to have everyone who wants to serve the Lord and praise His name through song! We rehearse on Wednesday evenings 7:15-8:15. Please contact Elizabeth Guest Martin (864-313-0193) if you are interested or have any questions.

Welcome to Our Newest Members

On February 28 our Session received eight new members of our congregation. Not all have been welcomed yet in worship, but we share them here so that you may welcome them as you encounter them in our church's life and worship.

John and Donna Jolly join us by reaffirmation of faith. Donna is an Urgent Admission Specialist in a local hospital; John serves as a Senior Credit Analyst. The Jollys live at 108 Hiawatha Dr., Greenville, 29615.

Sam Martin and Elizabeth Guest Martin join us by transfer from Second Presbyterian Church. Sam is a banker; Elizabeth is a music teacher, as well as our Chalice Choir and Children's Choir Director. The Martins live at 207 Gray Fox Square, Taylors, 29687.

Bob Phillis and Diane Paul are new residents of South Carolina, having moved from the greater Pittsburgh area. They join by transfer from Westminster Presbyterian Church of Upper St. Clair, PA. Bob and Diane live at 18 Drystack Way, Simpsonville, 29681.



Sheila Sayce-White joins us by transfer from Heritage Baptist Church. She and her husband, Bruce White, are both retired. Sheila has shared in the life of John Knox for some time, having been at one time a neighbor to both Rex Redmon and Annalynn Barnett! The Whites live at 40 Wood Pointe Dr., Unit 67, Greenville, 29615.

Betsy Turnbull moved here with Gordon to start ministry at John Knox in November. She has had a meaningful career as a school counselor and is listening for the Lord's calling for her next employment. She joins by transfer from First Presbyterian Church, Bristol, TN. The Turnbulls live at 7 March Winds Ct., Greer, 29650.

YOUTH NEWS

Graduation Sunday

Attention parents of graduates!! On Sunday, May 15 we will be celebrating the achievements of all of our young adults who are graduating high school, college, graduate school, or seminary this year. If you have a loved one who will be graduating, please provide the following information so that we can properly recognize these young people: your graduate's full name, school, college plans or graduation/work plans, any awards and honors, and school and church activities. We would love for you to include a picture of your graduate as well. Please email this information to Susan Felton at sfelton@johnknoxpres.org by April 15. Thank you and congratulations!



KIDS NEWS

Kids' Club Sunday School

As we enter Holy Week, our elementary children will have special lessons for Palm Sunday and Easter. You can read the following scriptures with your children so that they will be familiar with the verses when they hear these words again in Sunday School.

Palm Sunday – Matthew 21:1-11

Easter Sunday – Matthew 28:6. The memory verse for this lesson is: "He is not here; he has been raised."

Children's Choirs

On Palm Sunday, March 20, our children will help us celebrate this day by walking into the church waving palm branches and then singing for us. This will happen at both services. All children K3-5th grade are invited to participate.

If your family attends the 8:45 service, your children can meet Elizabeth Martin and Susan Felton in the hallway outside of the chapel no later than 8:40 to receive their palm branches and get ready to walk into the chapel. For the 11:00 service, any children who would like to participate can meet us in the choir room at 10:30. If your child is already in Sunday School that day, we will take them from Sunday School and get them to the right place! Parents can go grab a good seat in the sanctuary to watch this sweet performance. After singing (at both services) the children will come to sit with you. Please return any robes to the choir room after the service.





Easter Egg Hunt

We hope all of our younger children will join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 20 from 4:00-5:30. Our youth will meet the children outside the gym for face painting, story time, Easter treats, even a visit from the Easter Bunny! And of course, we will hunt for eggs! All children are invited!

Don't forget your Easter baskets and cameras!!

Kindergarten & PDO

Registration continues for the 2016-2017 school year: We have slots open in all classes except for K-3 which is very limited. The only days for K-3 left are Mondays and Fridays. All other areas have slots available. Please call 322-0045 if you or someone you know is interested in attending John Knox Kindergarten or PDO next Fall.

Spring Break for Kindergarten and PDO begins on Friday, March 25 and runs through Sunday, April 3.

Summer Program: The dates for our summer program are June 20th through July 28th. This is 6 weeks, Monday through Thursdays with only Monday, July 4th off of programming. The basic hours are 9:00 a.m. until 1: p.m., and the cost is \$20 per day, per child if you register your child for 11 or more days. If you only register for 10 days or less, the cost is \$28 per day. We do offer extended hours and early drop off for the additional cost of \$5 per hour, per day. The summer program is recreational in nature with water play, outside play, arts and crafts, etc. The program is open to anyone, church member or not.

Registration will begin after spring break on Tuesday, April 12 for current enrolled families and enrolled families for next year. Wednesday, April 13th, registration will open to the public. We hope to see your children this summer.



Golf Tournament scheduled for Saturday, April 16! We are sponsoring a fun day of golf on April 16th at Carolina Springs Golf Club. This is a fundraiser for the program so we hope that you will get teams together and join us. Matt (retired golf pro) and Melanie Hendrix, parents of a toddler in our program and church members, are helping us plan this fun day. The cost is \$50 per person, of which our program will receive \$15. We would love to have at least 18 teams so invite your friends, neighbors, and business associates to fill out your team. There will be a few prizes, snack bag, and pizza afterwards for everyone. Forms will be in the Narthex, sent home with Kindergarten and PDO students, or you can call Laurie at 322-0045 OR Melanie at 864-238-4699.



"a space set apart to meet God, creation and each other"

It is official! Summer Camp 2016 will take place at Camp Buc beginning June 19 and run through July 29. Our own Jordan Meggs has been selected to serve as Camp Director for the summer. God has been at work and continues to work through our children and Camp Buc.

Registration is now open for the season. Secure a spot by registering early for your children and their friends (information below). John Knox has camper-ships available to help defer the costs. John Knox played a big role in helping to continue this beautiful mission...lets make this the best summer ever. We are also actively seeking "Super Heroes" to serve on the summer staff for this year. Taking applications for Counselors and Support Staff for the summer. What better way to spend your summer college break than serving God in this beautiful place.

[Camp Buc 2016 Information](#)

2016 CAMP BUC SUMMER SCHEDULE

Week 1 June 19 – 24 Explorers, CIT, Middle School Mission***

Week 2 June 26 – July 1 Braves, Pathfinders, Explorers

Week 3 July 10 – 15 Braves, Pathfinders, Explorers, Rock & Raft

Week 4 July 17 – 22 Pathfinders, Explorers, 2 Week Explorers*

(*Two-week option July 17 – 29)

Week 5 July 24 – 29 Pathfinders, Explorers, Cave & Wave

Church Welcomes Applicants for Two Staff Positions

Our Session has approved the position descriptions for the two vacancies on our program staff. We now are advertising the openings for **Director of Children's Ministry** and **Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry**. These positions are posted on our website, www.johnknoxpres.org. Those interested may contact Gordon Turnbull (gturnbull@johnknoxpres.org; 423-2820) for more information or to submit an application. Deadline for applications is March 31, 2016.



**United Ministries Soup
Collection**



CMO would like to remind you that soup can be donated anytime during the month if you forget on "Soup Sunday". Please help with your soup donation to replenish the United Ministries pantry for the hungry. Our thanks!

John Knox collected 355 cans of soup at the beginning of March. Thank you, please keep up the good work.



Pray for One Another

AT HOME

- Gene Coggin
- Frances Blue
- John Jolly
- Nona Beeson

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

- Thelma Purcell
- Sandra George
- Jean Mitchell
- Brandy Handley
- Jill Smith
- Hailey Jones
- Tim Taylor

SYMPHY

- Joel Ohlsen and Sandy Forrest upon the death of Joel's mother, Edna Robert.

CONGRATULATIONS

- Mike & Mary K Davis upon the birth of their great-granddaughter, Cindy, on March 11. Grandmother is Melissa Waltman.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

March

17 - Aidan Syracuse

18 - Robert McGrath, Benton Gailey

19 - Jim Grigsby, Betty E. Lewis, Bill Mathews, Courtney Garrett, Addie Boling,

Lacie deMaine

20 - Debbie Smith, David Herd
21 - Hanah Rogers, Carter Moore
23 - Jordan Campbell, Mike Pratt, Ken Rowe

By the Numbers

Attendance on March 13
8:45 - 54
11:00 - 166

FINANCIAL UPDATE: 3/13/16
Weekly Expense Budget: \$17,827.00
Weekly Offering Received: \$12,872.25
Expense Budget YTD: \$196,097.00
Offering Received YTD: \$165,033.86



Worship Schedule

Join us this Sunday!

Lenten Sermon Series

8:45 Chapel

9:45 Sunday School

11:00 Sanctuary



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Please email all submissions for Steepetalk to msscott@johnknoxpres.org. For Thursday publication, information must be received by Tuesday at 12 PM.

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