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This Sunday's Worship

Join us this Sunday, December 6 at 10:00 AM

**In person: Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall
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"New Hearts"

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Angel Tree

Merry (very) early Christmas from the Angel Tree Ministry! This year our Angel Tree Ministry will focus, once again, on providing gifts for the Christmas Morning Shoppe of Greer Relief. COVID-19's negative economic impact on families in our region has made the need this Christmas season greater than ever, so we're making your participation in this vital ministry both easy and safe.

There are two wonderful ways to participate in the Angel Tree this year this year. You can simply use Greer Relief's Amazon shop for gifts to purchase gifts (which can be sent directly to Greer Relief's Christmas Morning Shoppe or dropped off at the church office). Or, you can make a donation to John Knox Presbyterian Church, earmarked for the Angel Tree. We will purchase gifts and gift cards with the donations we receive.

The deadline for turning in gifts is December 13, but the earlier, the better. So, [get clicking!](#) If you have any questions, please contact either Betsy Turnbull (293-2382) or Stevie Greene (616-7430).

Thank you for your continued generosity!

[Click here to go shop for Greer Relief on Amazon](#)



**Through all the challenges of this season,
God is faithful still.
How does John Knox respond?**

**2021 Pledge Cards Received: 120
2021 Pledge Card Value: \$610,430**

**Will you join us in committing to offer ministry to our neighbors in the
name of Jesus Christ?
Use the button below to submit your 2021 pledge now!**

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Lighting the Path: Through the Bible 2021

Psalm 119 declares, “Your Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.” We want to make 2021 a year in which all of us walk together in the light of God’s Word.

We invite you to join us in a yearlong read-through of the Bible in 2021. Throughout the next few weeks we will be sharing plans for this program—a schedule of readings that offers the complete Bible over the course of the year, broken into daily readings (five per week). Regardless of your level of Bible knowledge, this plan will give you a way to deepen your experience of God’s Word and to grow closer to God in faith.

Look for more news soon, and encourage your friends to consider joining you in a practice that will deepen your faith and enrich your life.



JOHN KNOX CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



ALL OF OUR CHILDREN RECEIVED A FAMILY ADVENT BAG TO HELP THEM LEARN ABOUT THE TRUE MEANING OF THE ADVENT SEASON. HERE ARE SOME OF OUR SWEET CHILDREN WORKING ON THEIR FIRST CRAFT!



PLEASE GIVE.

**Your ongoing generosity helps
John Knox to continue to serve.**

We can receive your gifts:

- by mail
- through automatic bank draft
- through the John Knox App

In this season of concern, the Church's witness of service and caring is more important than ever. John Knox is doing all we can to continue our ministry in ways that keep us connected to God and to each other. Please continue your offerings so that we can serve fully throughout this time of need.

Ways to give:

- Mail your contributions to the church at 35 Shannon Dr., Greenville, SC 29615
- Set up electronic payments through your financial institution
- Use the John Knox app: click on "Give"

Thank you for prioritizing the ministry of Jesus Christ in your financial life.



DIRECTORY UPDATE

If you would like to update your current directory picture or submit one for the first time, please email a digital copy to the church office:
msscott@johnknoxpres.org

You can access our directory at
johnknoxpres.org
(contact office for password)

Clerk's Report

The Session of John Knox Presbyterian Church met on Sunday, October 18, 2020 at 6:00 PM, for a Zoom meeting. This was the Session's monthly Stated Meeting. The following are some of the items discussed:

• Jim Williams and Jim Grigsby, our two Commissioners to the November Stated Meeting of Foothills Presbytery, presented a report of the meeting. They said that a lot of meaningful business was accomplished in about two hours. 38 of 58 churches in our Presbytery are now offering live services

- The Reopening Commission has met twice so far and decided to stay at Stage Three.
- Dr. Turnbull explained the on-line nomination and voting process for our Congregational Meeting to elect new Elders and a Trustee. First the slate of officers proposed by the CNC was shared with the Congregation by email on October 31, 2020, with an invitation for nominations from the floor. Then, on November 12, 2020 a second email was sent requesting a vote. As of this morning, 119 votes, all affirmative, had been received. Since a quorum is 68, it was agreed that the proposed slate was elected. The new Elders will be Annalynn Barnett, J.T. Greene, Bobby Mock, Kyle Parker, Peggy Pulver, Carter Schaaf, Seth Stewart, and Liam Robertson (YE). The new Trustee is Ken Rowe.
- Rev. Howell explained that three folks have requested to join John Knox. They are John and Judy Adamson and Julie Wolfe. The Session approved their reception, pending their Professions of Faith at the Service on Sunday, November 22nd.

Administrative

- 1) Pat Fuller will chair the Organist Search committee, assisted by Mark Britt, Sara Kellar, Mills Grant, Jo Carson, and ex-officio members Luke Browder and Dr. Turnbull.
- 2) Communications have gone out concerning the Stewardship Campaign. Pledges are coming in but so far are behind last year's pace.

Christian Mission and Outreach

- 1) The canned food drive held in conjunction with Trunk or Treat was a drive thru drop off and went very well.
- 2) Betsy Turnbull and Stevie Greene are heading up Angel Tree this year.
- 3) The Guatemala Scholarship Drive received over \$ 15,000 for 2020.

Fellowship

- 1) Trunk or Treat went very well in spite of the rain.
- 2) 32 kids have already signed up for Basketball as of last Friday.

Music & Worship

- 1) We will not have a traditional Hanging of the Greens service this year but volunteers will be putting up decorations between November 22 and 29.
- 2) There will only be two Services on Christmas Eve. Both will be live streamed. Communion will only be at the 7 PM Service. Ken said they may need some additional Ushers to volunteer.

Nurture

- 1) Serving Saturday on November 14 went very.
- 2) They will be looking at the Care Companion Program in the coming weeks.

Property & Operations

- 1) The Men's bathroom on the S/S floor will be finished by early December. The Women's will be done next.
- 2) All the exterior entries will be refinished and painted over the Thanksgiving break.
- 3) Tommy invited all Elders to help with the Pruning Party on Saturday, November 21.

Susan Felton – Children's Ministries:

- 1) The children are meeting together for a Bible Lesson immediately after the Sunday Service for 30 to 45 minutes. They are currently studying the Parables of Jesus.
- 2) They are putting together Advent Bags for distribution to the kids.
- 3) Families are making Christmas cards for folks in the In-Home Ministry.

Jessica Meggs – Youth Ministries:

- 1) The High School gathering has changed to 5 – 6 PM.
- 2) Tonight was the last in-person outside gathering.
- 3) Confirmation Classes will be starting soon.
- 4) The PC Youth Council is considering developing a 'Retreat in a Day'.

Rev. David Howell:

- 1) Trunk or Treat was different this year but felt 'normal' and was a lot of fun.
- 2) Serving Saturday helped build relationships with those served and within the team.
- 3) More opportunities will be available at the Triune Mercy Center.
- 4) Advent Devotionals should be out soon.
- 5) They are working on contacting homebound members.

Dr. Gordon Turnbull:

- 1) A second Covid notice was sent out of possible contact to all those in worship, but no transmission has been reported.
 - 2) Gordon advised folks to be pro-active in safety efforts
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CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO LET US KNOW
HOW WE CAN ASSIST YOU IN THIS SEASON.

864-244-0453

Mailbox

To Our Church Family:
Thank you so much for all your prayers, cards,
calls, and flowers. We miss all of you. Hope to join
you soon. Our prayers are for all of you.

Love,
George & Jan Reiter



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

December

- 3 - Ken Bell, Chris Campbell
- 4 - David Blais, Christian Sims, Sofia Fowler
- 5 - Martha Little
- 6 - Catie Schaaf, ,Meredith Glass
- 7 - Cindy Muldrow, Amanda Wilson
- 8 - Joan Bourdon, Laura Herd
- 9 - Kenneth Cates

By the Numbers

Sunday, November 29
In person: 43
Livestream: 98

Weekly Offering Received: \$8,695.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering: \$17,060.48

YTD Offering Received: \$760,585.48
YTD Budgeted Offering: \$818,903.08



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