



SteepleTalk

*Find out what's going on and what's coming up
in the life and ministry at John Knox Presbyterian Church.*

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This Sunday's Worship

Join us this Sunday, December 13 at 10:00 AM

**In person: Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall
Digitally: YouTube, Facebook, or John Knox App**

MAKING
ALL
THINGS
NEW

"Renewed Hope"

[Click here to access the Worship Bulletin.](#)



Angel Tree

Help stock the Christmas Morning Shoppe at Greer Relief
Gifts due by December 13

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: 134
2021 Pledge Card Value: \$648,890**

**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!**

[Information](#)

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Finishing Strong in 2020

The end of the year is close at hand, and our leaders and staff are working hard to complete our work for the year and plan for the year ahead. As we finish this year, here are things that each of us can do to strengthen the church's ministry.

If at all possible, fulfill your 2020 commitment

Have you fulfilled your pledge for 2020? If you are not sure, feel free to call Caroline Bishop at the church for an update on your pledge status.

Consider extra giving

Many people choose to remember or honor loved ones with special gifts to the church at Christmas. Others plan significant donations to worthy causes at year's end. Some seek to maximize their tax savings by making sizeable gifts. This kind of giving makes a big difference to our ministry. Please consider John Knox Presbyterian Church with this kind of year-end, "above-and-beyond" giving.

Pledge for 2021

Our budget depends mainly upon *pledged* offerings. We cannot plan responsibly for ministry without these commitments. If you know that you want to support Christ's ministry through our church, please communicate that desire by submitting a pledge toward our work together.

Pray for John Knox

The financial work of our church serves and equips the greater, spiritual work to which we are called. Please join in asking God to enrich our life and direct our work together so that every aspect of our ministry glorifies the Lord we serve.

Lighting the Path: Through the Bible 2021

We are reading through the Bible together in 2021. Will you join us?

We will try to make it simple for everyone. The pace of our daily readings will be manageable. Each week we will provide guidance to help you understand what's going on in that part of the Scriptures. And we will be joining together in groups for discussion, fellowship, and mutual support as we learn together—from God and from each other.

Our program will start on January 3. You can indicate your interest right now by clicking on the link below. As we form our groups, you'll be in on the ground floor!

Please be praying for spiritual growth for yourself and all our church as we prepare to enter a new year together in God's Word.



[Click here for small group opportunities](#)



Offering Envelopes

AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.

2021 Giving Envelopes

The 2021 giving envelopes will be available for pick up in the church office beginning Monday, December 14, 2020 and will be out until Monday, January 4, 2021. Please stop by the office at your convenience to pick those up. They will not be available in the Narthex this year. Please call the office before you come to ensure that someone is here to let you in the door. If you would prefer to have them mailed to you, or if you do not wish to receive envelopes this year, please let Caroline Bishop know.

Other ways to give include electronic checks sent from your bank or through the church app. Caroline Bishop can help you set up electronic bank checks. Instructions for downloading the app are [here](#). Once downloaded, you are able to set up giving through the app.

2020 Giving

- DELIVERED TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY DECEMBER 31
- POSTMARKED BY DECEMBER 31

ALL GIFTS
POSTMARKED OR
HAND DELIVERED
AFTER
DECEMBER 31
WILL BE CREDITED
TO 2021.

In order for financial contributions to be reported on the 2020 giving statements, they must be delivered to the office by Dec. 31 or mailed with a postmark date of no later than Dec. 31. All contributions hand delivered or postmarked after Dec. 31 will be included on the 2020 giving statements. If you have any questions, please contact Caroline Bishop in the church office.

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.

Please Let Us Know...

IF YOU ARE IN NEED, WE WANT TO HELP. PLEASE
CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO LET US KNOW
HOW WE CAN ASSIST YOU IN THIS SEASON.

864-244-0453

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

December

- 10 - Jean Fontaine, Joy Grayson
- 11 - Carol Phillips, Jeremy Meggs, Beth Pratt
- 12 - Tenison Stokes
- 13 - Dorothy Watrous, Troy Tipton, Cooper Nyvall
- 14 - Sebastien Bertrand, Patty Stewart
- 15 - Beau Gailey

By the Numbers

Sunday, December 6

In person: 68

Livestream: 110

Weekly Offering Received: \$37,817.80

Weekly Budgeted Offering: \$17,060.48

YTD Offering Received: \$798,403.28

YTD Budgeted Offering: \$835,963.56



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