

Gospel of John

November 7, 2021



ARE YOU NEW TO KNOX? WELCOME!



Prayer

If you would like someone to pray with you, pastors will be available at the front of the Worship Center after the service.



Communion

We celebrate Communion weekly. If you are a baptized follower of Christ, we invite you to join us.



New at Knox or ready to get better connected?

If you have questions, please contact the Knox Office (734.761.5669) or fill out a CONNECT CARD, found in the pews. We'd like to hear from you! If you would like to make meaningful connections with others at Knox, please contact our Ministry Director, Kathy Brace, at kbrace@knoxannarbor.org or 734.761.5669, ext. 222 to learn about ministries for all age groups and ways to serve. To stay up to date with what's happening at Knox, request the weekly email using this QR code.



Childcare & Children's Worship

Care is available during the service for children birth to 3 years of age. Our Early Childhood Wing is located on the same level as the Worship Center. We welcome your children!

PLEASE NOTE: Children in PreK to 2nd grade attending Children's Worship will be dismissed after the Pastoral Prayer to join a volunteer at the rear of the sanctuary. Stickers are located in the pews. Before sending your child, please fill out the sticker, placing the large tag on your child's back and keeping the small portion to show at pickup. You will be asked to show an ID if you lose your half of the ticket. If it's your child's first time to go to Children's Worship, please accompany him or her down the stairs to the Gathering Place room to complete check-in. If you are not attending the CE hour, **please pick up your child from the PreK/K classroom on the lower level.**

– FOR REFLECTION –

We're destined for joy forever because of Christ's exquisite hospitality in opening a way to God through His own body. We can serve others with gladness knowing that the carrots we peel and the diapers we change are as unto the Lord.

Gloria Furman



∞ ORDER OF WORSHIP ∞

– GOD GATHERS –

Prelude *(You are invited to pray and reflect silently.)*

Welcome

Call to Worship

Hymn of Praise

O Worship the King

***Prayer of Praise**

***Songs of Praise**

*Everlasting God
What a Beautiful Name*

– GOD RENEWS –

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Grace

Jeremiah 33:8, 15-16

Missions Moment

Pastoral Prayer

*** Children dismissed to Children's Worship ***

Song of Preparation

We Long to See You

– GOD FEEDS –

Scripture Reading

John 3:22-36

Sermon

The Gospel Lived: We Must Decrease and He Must Increase

Approaching the Table

All I Have Is Christ

The Lord's Supper

***Song**

How Firm a Foundation

– GOD SENDS –

***Benediction**

** Please rise in body or in spirit*

THE GOSPEL LIVED:
WE MUST DECREASE AND HE MUST INCREASE

John 3:22-36

Next week: John 4:1-26

C.E. CLASSES

Christian Education/Sunday School

All classes will start at 11:15 AM.



Children

PreK & Kindergarten: Room 117

1st & 2nd: Room 103

3rd & 4th: Room 115

5th & 6th: NorthStar Room

Classrooms are on the lower level.



Middle & High School

7th - 12th: Turning Point Room
(on the lower level)

Jesus and Zachaeus: A Study in
Hospitality



Adults

THE GOSPEL'S CALL TO HOSPITALITY ACROSS CULTURES

(Pastor Bryan Gregory, Valerie Johnson, Fred Bailey and Elder Sara Chang)

► *Worship Center and via Zoom (see link in Friday's email)*

This fall, as part of Knox's year-long focus on hospitality, we will examine the ways that the Bible calls us to extend the same extravagant welcome to others who are different from us. Through deep study of God's big story across the Old and New Testaments, we'll discover how inter-cultural hospitality is at the very core of the gospel, not an optional add-on to Christian doctrine. Driven by biblical truths, we'll consider hospitality in a variety of forms, from opening our homes to one another and building friendships with people unlike ourselves, to examining Knox's practices and traditions and the ways that our community might become even more inviting to people from a variety of backgrounds and cultures. In the end, we hope that Knox might more fully live into the vision given to us in Isaiah, where people of God's church from all nations, tribes, and tongues stream into His eternal city (Isaiah 66), gathering for the ultimate experience of hospitality and belonging—celebrating Him around a heavenly banquet table (Isaiah 25:6; Revelation 7, 19:6-9).

LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor Josh Boehr (sermon & liturgy)



Family Matters

- ▶ Our **Profession of Faith Class** (Sat., Nov. 13, 10 AM - 2 PM) is suited for children 2nd-6th grade who are ready to publicly profess faith in Christ, and participate in the sacraments of baptism and Communion. It is designed to help children better understand the significance of these sacraments in the life of believers. We require a parent (or guardian) attend this class along with the child—plus, it's a great way to have follow-up conversations afterward.

For more information, visit our website (Ministries > Children > Profession of Faith class) or contact Sonja Sray, Interim Children's Ministry Director (ssray@knoxannarbor.org).

- ▶ **Special congregational meeting** Immediately following worship on **Sunday, Nov. 21**, members are invited to a short meeting to vote on a small by-law change related to leadership training.
- ▶ **Service of Lament: a pathway to hope & praise** Dec. 5, 7-8 PM. Loss, pain, and unexpected or unwanted change have been part of our lives at an intense and accelerated pace for many months. These have perhaps taken a toll on your spirit, caused you grief, or revealed sin in your life. This service will provide an opportunity to express to God what's been lurking in your mind or heart. As you come before him in word, song, silence and prayer, you may experience God's comforting presence, hear his voice of peace and hope, and be strengthened for the future.

Do you know someone who is hurting? Consider inviting them to attend with you. Child care will be available for children ages 5 and under. Please sign up your children using the link in Friday's email.



Community / Ways to Connect

- ▶ **Thanksgiving baskets** The Deacons invite you to purchase a complete holiday meal for Dicken School families in need. You can find the shopping list on our website (News & Updates > Dicken Thanksgiving Baskets) and on the display table in the atrium. We will collect Thanksgiving baskets in the atrium Nov. 14-21.
- ▶ **Urgent volunteer need** Hope Clinic offers emergency food, grocery shopping, hot meals, food delivery, and more, and has an urgent need for volunteers in their food program. Volunteer opportunities through stocking shelves, filling grocery bags or delivering food to Hope clients. They'd love to have you. See Friday's email for a link to the online volunteer application form.



In Essentials, Unity. In Non-essentials, Liberty.
In All Things, Charity.



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