



Knollwood

at Worship

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, September 3, 2023 • 10:45 AM

In-Person and Live-Stream

*To those who feel the need of light; to those who find doubts and fears in their hearts;
to those who need courage for their daily tasks; to those who feel lonely and friendless;
to those who wish to give service; to all who, in faith, will support and involve themselves
to the limit of their ability in the work of the Kingdom of God which this church undertakes;
to all who want rest, peace, and happiness — this church invites you to the fellowship of Jesus.*

KNOLLWOOD AT WORSHIP

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Please silence all electronic devices. Thank you!

CHIMES

Three chimes are sounded, awakening us to the presence of God, alerting us to the voice of Christ, centering us in the embrace of the Spirit. As we gather, we present ourselves “as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is our spiritual worship” (Romans 12:1)

PRELUDE

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee Johann Sebastian Bach

Doug Vancil, organ

Sing, pray, and swerve not from God’s ways, but do thine own part faithfully.

Trust the rich promises of grace; so shall they be fulfilled in thee.

God never yet forsook at need the soul secured by trust indeed. ~Georg Neumark, 1641

CALL TO WORSHIPEvan Sieges

O give thanks to the Lord; call on his name; make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.

Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles and the judgments he has uttered,

O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

Praise the Lord.

~Psalm 105

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 385

All People That on Earth Do DwellOLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYER OF THE DAYEvan Sieges

Holy God, in the flaming bush you promised deliverance to your people, and in the cross of Jesus you embraced our suffering and pain. In times of misery, show us the transforming power of your love that we may know the hope of your glory. **Amen.** *~PCUSA*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Sara Smith

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

~Book of Common Prayer

* Those who are able will stand.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 3:1-6..... Katharine Martin

This is the word of God.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON: Exodus 3:7-15 Charles Maner

This is the word of God.

Deacon of the Week

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF THE DAY, NO. 826

Lift High the Cross..... CRUCIFER

Stanzas 1-3

*GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 16:21-26 Bob Setzer, Jr.

We rise in body or in spirit for the reading of the Gospel lesson.

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF THE DAY, NO. 826

Lift High the Cross..... CRUCIFER

Stanza 4

CHILDREN’S TIME Sara Smith

We invite the children, kindergarten through 3rd grade to remain in worship with their parents.

Children’s Worship is on break for the summer.

Worship Care for infants through kindergarten is offered weekly.

SERMON..... Bob Setzer, Jr.

STANDING BAREFOOT BEFORE THE FIRE

RESPONDING IN FAITH

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

If you desire membership in this congregation, you are invited to come forward and the pastor will greet you. Or if you prefer, you may speak to one of the ministers after the service. As an open membership church, we honor your previous baptism in any other Christian community. If you have not made a confession of faith, we invite you to do so by being baptized. Church members are invited to commit themselves anew to God and to God’s service in the world.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE, NO. 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies LAUDES DOMINI

PASTORAL GREETING Bob Setzer, Jr.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER..... Katharine Martin

**Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO GIVING

In response to the bounty of God’s blessings to us, we joyfully offer our gifts as we are able and dedicate them to the glory of God. Ushers will receive monetary gifts as our musicians offer the anthem.

Please sign and pass the Friendship Pads found on the end of each pew. If you are a guest, and wish to know more about Knollwood, please indicate that on the pad. Thank you.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Sometimes a Light Surprises Craig Courtney

Terri Vancil, soprano

*Sometime a light surprises the child of God who sings;
it is the Lord who rises with healing in his wings;
when comforts are declining, he grants the soul again
a season of clear shining to cheer it after rain.*

*In holy contemplation we sweetly then pursue
the theme of God’s salvation and find it ever new;
set free from present sorrow, we cheerfully can say,
“Let the unknown tomorrow bring with it what it may.”*

*It can bring with it nothing but he will bear us through;
who gives the lilies clothing will clothe his people, too;
beneath the spreading heavens no creature but is fed;
and he who feeds the ravens will give his children bread.*

*Though vine nor fig tree neither their longed-for fruit should bear,
though all the fields should wither, nor flocks nor herds be there,
yet God the same abiding, his praise shall tune my voice;
for while in him confiding, I cannot but rejoice.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Charles Maner

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

DEPARTING TO SERVE

***BENEDICTION** Bob Setzer, Jr.

***POSTLUDE**

Grand Choer *Henry Kihlken*

Doug Vancil, organ



TO OUR GUESTS

To learn more about Knollwood Baptist Church, find us online at www.knollwood.org. Sign up to receive our email announcements through www.tinyurl.com/KBCinfo or by emailing Connie Kirkman at frontdesk@knollwood.org.

KBC WELCOMING STATEMENT

Knollwood Baptist Church is an inviting, inclusive family of faith open to all persons, whatever their race, gender, socioeconomic status, special needs, or sexual orientation, who want to walk in the way of Jesus.

FOR OUR CHILDREN

Children’s worship pages and worship bags with activities are available in the narthex for children. In the bags are also suggestions and guidance for adults to engage with their children in worship. There is space in the parlor off the narthex for families who may need to step away at any point during the service.

Worship Care is provided for children, infants through 4-year-olds, on the first floor of Building B. Children’s Worship for kindergarten through third grade is on break for the summer but will resume in September.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

The acolyte is Tessa Anderson and the crucifer is Colette Causby.

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HEARING DEVICES

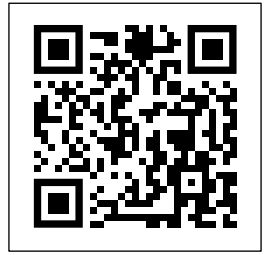
Hearing devices are available to those who need one. Please see an usher for assistance. For cellphone linked devices, KBC guest Wi-Fi can be accessed at *kbcguest* in your settings.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our son, William McNair Tornow, by his parents, Anne and Ted Philpott.

ARE YOU READY FOR WELCOME BACK WEEK?

For a PDF with complete details on all the events, including the Sunday and Wednesday schedules, visit www.tinyurl.com/KBCWelcomeBack23 or scan the QR code.



WELCOME BACK WEDNESDAY: SEPT. 6

Missions and Ministries Fair: Living Out Our Faith at Knollwood and Beyond

On Welcome Back Wednesday, all ages will celebrate our Knollwood community regathering for a new and hopeful season of being the Church together.

During this evening Fair, we'll discover fruitful ministry and mission opportunities and explore ways to gather, grow, and serve this fall. A wide range of small groups and ministry teams will be present to share who they are, what they have planned for the coming year, and how Knollwood family and friends can be involved. Booths will feature activities to engage children and youth.

Dinner is complimentary this first night of the fall season. Please be our guests for a taco bar and homemade desserts.

KBC.KIDS WELCOME BACK POTLUCK

Friday, Sept. 8, 6 PM

Please bring a dish or two to share and join us for a potluck dinner and info session on the Friday evening before Welcome Back Sunday. This evening provides nourishment and fellowship for all as well as gives our kids a chance to see their new Sunday School classrooms and meet their teachers before we "move up" on Welcome Back Sunday. We will have a brief parent meeting, and it's another chance to meet Sara Smith, our Interim Minister to Children and Families. Youth siblings are welcome.

Register and sign up for what you're bringing at www.tinyurl.com/KBCKidsPotluck23

WELCOME BACK SUNDAY: SEPT. 10

Join us for breakfast treats at Knollchat, the reconvening of adult Sunday School classes, and the blessing of teachers, leaders, and students in Worship as a new season of learning begins. Children and Youth move up to their new Sunday School classrooms, and Youth Choir and Chancel Bells rehearsals begin.

VOLUNTEER TO BE A READING WARRIOR

Knollwood is aiming to increase the number of **Reading Warriors** from our congregation. A one-day training program for new Reading Warriors will be held on the following dates: **Sept. 6, Sept. 11, Sept. 18, or Sept. 20**. For more information or to sign up, contact readingwarriors@wsfcs.k12.nc.us.

More information is also available from Beth Fields (fieldsbfields@aol.com), Janet Ray (janetjray@gmail.com), or Sylvia Oberle (soberle0405@gmail.com).

OPENINGS STILL AVAILABLE FOR THE 2023 ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET

Writers, artists, and shutterbugs can still sign up to contribute to the 2023 Advent Devotional Booklet, but time is short. The deadline for all submissions is **Oct. 6**. Please consider writing a devotion/poem/prayer or submitting artwork or photographs. The booklet will focus on the Advent themes of hope, peace, joy, and love, as well as Christmastide and Epiphany. We urge newbie writers and artists *of all ages* to participate.

To see guidelines for submission, visit www.tinyurl.com/KBCDevotionalGuidelines23. Sign up to contribute at www.tinyurl.com/KBCAdventBooklet23.

CARD MAKING WORKSHOP WITH CAROLYN HURST

Sunday, Sept. 17, 2-4 PM, WCC Arts and Hearts Room

Carolyn will help us create beautiful, all-occasion handmade cards for in-home and hospitalized members of the church. All supplies will be furnished and no experience is necessary.

The class is limited to eight adults. Register by Tuesday, **Sept. 12**, at www.tinyurl.com/KBCCardClass0923.

TRIMMING OUR TREE! CLASSES

Monday, Sept 25, 6-8 PM | Wednesday, Sept. 27, 4-7 PM | Tuesday, Oct. 3, 1-3 PM

WCC Arts and Hearts Room

These three classes for middle-school age and up will provide a wide range of KBC members an opportunity to make clay Christmas ornaments that will be used on the KBC Christmas tree. Participants will use cookie cutters and slabs of clay to construct the ornaments. No prior experience with clay is necessary.

There is a maximum of 20 participants per class. Participants can attend any or all of the three classes. Classes will be led by Pam Boehme and Rodney Stilwell.

Register by **Sept. 18** at www.tinyurl.com/KBCTreeTrimClass23

NAVIGATING GRIEFLAND

Sept. 28-Nov. 16, Thursdays, 10-11:30 AM (Katharine Martin and Carol Habegger, co-leaders)

Navigating GriefLand is an eight-week grief support group that provides a place for healing. Using a faith-based curriculum developed by minister, counselor, chaplain, and Knollwood member Peggy Haymes, participants will learn about the grief process, and why some of the things we are told about grief may not be helpful or even true. This group is for anyone experiencing any kind of loss, which might include the death of a family member, friend, or pet, the loss of a job, the ending of a friendship, or the loss of health or physical/mental abilities. For more information, visit www.pinnlead.com/navigating-griefland or email Katharine Martin at katharine@knollwood.org.

Group size is limited to 15. Please register at www.tinyurl.com/KBCGriefLand

SENIOR ADULTS ARE INVITED TO THE 2023 SINK LUNCHEON

Tuesday, Oct. 3, 11:30 AM-1 PM, Fellowship Hall

A delicious catered lunch will be served, and we will be treated to a piano concert by Dr. Lawrence Quinnett, assistant professor of music at Livingstone College. To make a reservation, call the church office at 336-725-1343 by Wednesday, **Sept. 20**. Space is limited so call early!

FAITH IN THE CITY RETURNS

Tuesday, Oct. 3, noon-1 PM, WCC Community Room

This fall, the Faith in the City monthly lunchtime series will begin its sixth year of providing a community-wide forum on significant educational equity issues. This year's series will focus on "Education as a Public Good," exploring the essential role that effective public education plays in building healthy communities and maintaining a strong democracy.

Rob Schofield, editor of *NC Newsline*, will be this year's kickoff speaker on **Oct. 3**, with the topic "The Urgent Need to Preserve and Improve Public Education." He will highlight the historical strength of public education in North Carolina and how that strength is being eroded through decreased funding, teacher burnout, and community interference in curriculum and policy decisions.

Email faithinthecitykbc@gmail.com for more details or join our Faith in the City KBC Facebook group.

GIVING AT KBC

In addition to making a gift during worship, giving online allows one to make a one-time donation or to schedule recurring contributions. Visit www.knollwood.org/giving to get started. Contributions can also be made by sending a check to the church office.

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through Thursday, 9 AM-5 PM, and Friday, 9 AM-1 PM.

MINISTER ON CALL:

The Knollwood Minister on Call can be reached 24/7 at 336-283-5067.

Pastor
Minister of Music and Worship
Music Ministry Associate and Organist
Minister of Adult Faith Formation and Education
Interim Minister to Youth
Interim Minister to Children and Families
Minister to Weekday School and Retirees

Director of Children and Family Ministry
In Memoriam

Dr. Bob Setzer, Jr.
Rozanna Goocey
Doug Vancil
Rev. Katharine Martin
Rev. Evan Sieges
Rev. Sara Smith
Rev. Lucrecia Norman

Chrissy Hardy
(April 30, 1981–June 20, 2023)



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BAPTIST CHURCH

Grace Unbounded