



Knollwood

at Worship

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, September 17, 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)

CHORAL INTROIT

Pilgrims’ Hymn Stephen Paulus

Chancel Choir; Doug Vancil, director

*Even before we call on Your name to ask You, O God.
When we seek for the words to glorify You, You hear our prayer.
Unceasing love, O unceasing love, surpassing all we know.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.*

*Even with darkness sealing us in, we breathe Your name,
and through all the days that follow so fast, we trust in You.
Endless Your grace, O endless Your grace, beyond all mortal dream.
Both now and forever, and to ages and ages, Amen.*

– Michael Dennis Browne

CALL TO WORSHIP Katharine Martin

Welcome to worship, people of the Most High God!

We come in confidence because God is merciful and gracious,

We come in comfort because God is slow to anger,

We come in gratitude because God is abounding in steadfast love!

Come now to worship, people of the Most High God!

For our God’s love and forgiveness are everlasting to everlasting.

~Mary Hix

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee HYMN TO JOY

Terri Vancil, hymn leader

PRAYER OF THE DAY Katharine Martin

Reconciling God of Joseph and his brothers, who transformed pride, anger, and cruelty to restore a family and a nation, show us how to forgive abundantly. Teach us to starve our resentments and feed our compassion, so we might also transform the culture of grievance that divides our families and communities. Empower us now to practice Your radical forgiveness. In Your merciful and gracious name, we pray. **Amen.**

~Mary Hix

* Those who are able will stand.

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

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 50:15-21Evan Sieges

This is the word of God.

Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Romans 14:1-4, 7-10Craig Jackson

This is the word of God.

Deacon of the Week

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF THE DAY, No. 515

I Come with Joy..... *DOVE OF PEACE*

Stanzas 1-3

*GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 18:21-35Lucrecia Norman

Sara Smith

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. 515

I Come with Joy..... *DOVE OF PEACE*

Stanzas 4-5

CHILDREN’S TIME.....Lucrecia Norman

Children who are in kindergarten through third grade are invited to meet the Children’s Worship leaders in the narthex. Worship Care for infants through 4-year-olds is offered weekly.

SERMON..... Bob Setzer, Jr.

FORGIVING OTHERS: EASIER SAID THAN DONE

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. 169

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind.....REST

PASTORAL GREETING Bob Setzer, Jr.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER.....Evan Sieges

**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

Come, Thou Almighty King..... arr. Kevin McChesney
Chancel Bells; Linda Denney, director

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVINGCraig Jackson

*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

Toccata Brevis *Daniel Gawthrop*

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 is offered for kindergarten through third grade on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month.

Children meet their leaders in the narthex where indicated in the worship order to walk together to Children's Worship (B244). After the worship service, parents pick up their children from B244. For the 2nd and 4th Sundays, children are invited to enjoy the worship service with their families.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

The acolyte is Eli Purvis and the crucifer is Rebecca Maner.

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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 *kbguest* in your settings.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Carleton F. Pool III by his wife, Ilene, and family.

ABOUT OUR BANNERS

"The way" is a familiar biblical theme encompassing such truths as "the way of the Lord" (Isaiah 40:3), Jesus as "the way" (John 14:6), and "the way" as a description of Christian discipleship (Acts 9:2). The words on the banner point to the movements of faith: Longing for God that impels us forward in the spiritual journey; Learning the way of the Scriptures and the way of Jesus; Loving as our love for God and our neighbors deepens; and Living as we live out of Christian faith and witness in the world.

The colors of the banner emphasize green for "ordinary time," the period in the church year between Pentecost and Advent. The artist who designed and painted the banners is our own Bambi Setzer.

OPENINGS FOR ART STILL AVAILABLE FOR THE 2023 ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET

All the slots for devotional writers are filled, but artists and shutterbugs can still sign up to contribute to the 2023 Advent booklet. Time is short — the deadline for all submissions is **Oct. 6**. For art, please consider the Advent themes of hope, peace, joy, and love, as well as Christmastide and Epiphany. If you have questions, please contact Dorothy Wagener at dswagener7@gmail.com.

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMS

May 20 & 27 – Tracing the Image of God: Embodiment, Gender, and our God-Talk

Sept. 20, Session One: What's the Big Deal with Bodies?

We will explore our barriers to full-person embodiment, particularly the cultural constructs of gender and sexuality in light of our body theology, spirituality, and the words we use to express all of it.

Curious? Presenter Rev. Kenneth Pettigrew encourages program attendees to read this excerpt from his paper, *Blessed and Broken*, before Sept. 20: www.tinyurl.com/KBCWed0920.

Sept. 27, Session Two: What's the Big Deal with Pronouns?

We will take a practical look at the meaning and use of pronouns in our everyday lives. Furthermore, we will examine what the use of pronouns says about our understanding of God and its impact on discussions of gender, sexuality, and our ability to trace the image of God in one another.

Interested? Rev. Pettigrew encourages program attendees to read this chapter from *Trans-Forming Proclamation* by Liam M. Hooper before Sept. 27: www.tinyurl.com/KBCWed0927.

FALL 2023 ARTS & HEARTS CLASSES

Knollwood members of all ages can express their creative spirit — as well as connect with the Creator through hands-on artistic activities — in a wide variety of Arts & Hearts Ministry classes this fall.

See the flyer at www.tinyurl.com/ArtsHeartsFall2023 for all the class details and links to register. Spaces are limited so sign up early. Contact Pamela Stallings at pamelacstallings@gmail.com with any questions.

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

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. Katharine Martin and Carol Habegger are the co-leaders. 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.

The Senior Adult Sink Luncheons began many years ago as a memorial to Brona Sink by her husband, Clyde. He designated monies to provide a catered lunch and entertainment for the church's seniors every year. Their daughter, Norma Turnham, continued the tradition in memory of both parents. Upon her death in 2022, Norma left a legacy gift to Knollwood so the Sink Luncheons could continue at no charge to the church or participants.

To make a reservation, call the church office at 336-725-1343 by Wednesday, **Sept. 20**. We have limited seating, so if you find later you need to cancel, please notify the church office.

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 Newslines*, 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.

Faith in the City meets in-person with a Zoom option. The Zoom link is www.tinyurl.com/FITCOct23.

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

LIGHT THE NIGHT TO HONOR CHRISSY HARDY

Saturday, Oct. 7, 5:30 PM, Country Park, Greensboro

Light the Night is an inspirational community event that raises awareness and funding for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS) mission to end cancer. The event features fun, family-friendly activities beginning at 5:30 PM, followed by an inspiring and uplifting opening ceremony at 7:15, then a walk and a laser light show. Knollwood member Ginger Burkhead, with the appreciation of the KBC Transition Team, is participating in Light the Night this year to honor Chrissy Hardy, our beloved Director of Children and Family Ministry, who was taken from us far too soon in June because of acute myeloid leukemia. Ginger is joining a team this year in Chrissy's memory and hopes that in 2024, a team from Knollwood will participate to honor Chrissy.

For more information, visit the Triad Light the Night webpage at www.lightthenight.org/events/triad.

If you're interested in joining this year's event, please reach out to Ginger Burkhead at gbburkhead@gmail.com or 336-978-3411.

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