



Knollwood

at Worship

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, October 15, 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

*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

In a world spinning off-kilter with violence and tragedy,

We come to find our center.

In a creation shape shifting into fall,

We come to give thanks for cool breezes and coming colors.

In both the gift and challenge of our lives,

We come to listen for Your call and find comfort in Your grace.

Together we gather for worship.

~Peggy Haymes

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above MIT FREUDEN ZART

Terri Vancil, hymn leader

PRAYER OF THE DAY Katharine Martin

God, who holds both our sighs and our dreams, May our prayers be as honest as our hearts.

When we are broken, may we let go of trying to look good. When we are angry, may we let go of trying to make nice. When we are questioning, may we let go of the false shelter of glib platitudes and easy answers. When we are seeking, may we let go of needing to have the answers before we start the journey.

God, may we trust You with all that we are because of all that You are. **Amen.**

~Peggy Haymes

* 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

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 32:7-10Evan Sieges

This is the word of God.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON: Exodus 32:11-14..... Chuck Hinson

This is the word of God. Deacon of the Week
Thanks be to God.

PSALTER

Psalms 23 *Stuart Townend*

The congregation will join in singing the refrain.



And I will trust in you a-lone. And I will trust in you a-lone, for your



end-less mer-cy fol-lows me, your good-ness will lead me home.

*GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 22:1-10Lucrecia Norman

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

This is the Gospel of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S TIME..... Sara Smith

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.....Evan Sieges

PRAYER: THE MYSTERY THAT WORKS

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. 465

What a Friend We Have in Jesus..... CONVERSE

PASTORAL GREETINGKatharine Martin

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER.....Lucrecia Norman

**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

Celtic Dance on “Pleading Savior”.....Sondra Tucker

Chancel Bells; Linda Denney, director
Kim Bounds, flute; Doug Vancil, percussion

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVINGChuck Hinson

*DOXOLOGY, NO. 717

For the Life That You Have Given.....PLEADING SAVIOR

DEPARTING TO SERVE

*BENEDICTION.....Evan Sieges

*POSTLUDE

Allegro con spirito in B-flat Major..... Frank Bridge

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 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 Lydia Joyce and the crucifer is Colton Joyce.

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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 Margaret Wiggins by Rachel and Tom Wiggins.

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.

VISIT THE KNOLLWOOD LIBRARY

The Knollwood Library Resource Center, located on the lower level of Building A, is staffed on Sunday mornings 9:15-10:30 and Wednesday afternoons 4:30-5:30. Knollwood members are welcome to browse and borrow anytime Building A is open. Self-checkout and returns are located on one of the center bookshelves. Instructions are posted. Please come enjoy our children’s section and young adult collection, as well as our wide range of fiction, nonfiction, and Bible commentaries. Many audio and video recordings are also available for checkout. For more information, email Beth Starkey at starkey.beth@gmail.com.

CALLING ALL KBC VETERANS

Knollwood recognizes all our veteran members — past or present — with a photo display each year for Memorial Day and Veterans Day. If you would like to participate, please provide one photo in military uniform along with the following information:

Name | Branch of service | Dates of service | Military specialty/rank | Details about job/place of deployment/event | Brief summary of the individual’s military story

The photo will be returned. Please put the photo in an envelope with your name and phone number on the outside and drop it by the church office or give it to Anne Harrison. If you don’t have a photo in uniform, a photo from your service era will be fine. You may also just list your service information without a photo.

If you have a high-quality digital image, you may also send it as an email attachment to cassandra@knollwood.org with the above information in the body of the email. Please use “Veteran Information: (Name)” in the email subject.

STEWARDSHIP: PUTTING FIRST THINGS FIRST AT KNOLLWOOD

Commitment Sunday is **Nov. 12**. The Stewardship Committee asks all KBC members to prayerfully consider the messages of our *First Things First* campaign and bring your estimate-of-giving card with you on Nov. 12. Cards and envelopes are being mailed to all members, and they will also be available in the narthex and in the church office.

If you cannot be present on Nov. 12, please return your card by mail or in person to the church office by Nov. 30. Also feel free to email your estimate of giving to our church administrator, Robin Spainhour, at robin@knollwood.org. All giving commitments are kept confidential.

KBC.YM FALL RETREAT IN THE MOUNTAINS

Friday, Nov. 10-Sunday, Nov. 12

The mountains are calling and the KBC Youth are planning to answer. Grab your backpack, some hiking shoes, and your adventurous spirit for a weekend in the N.C. mountains. We plan to leave Friday evening and return Sunday afternoon. More details to come soon.

Reserve your spot by **TODAY** at www.tinyurl.com/KBCymFallRetreat23.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAM

Oct. 18: Sunday School on Wednesday Nights

David and Solomon: A Pair of Paradoxes (Jennifer Graybeal Boone, *Barnabas*)

David is the only human being in Scripture who is described — in two places! — as a man “after God’s own heart.” Looking at David’s great failings, we might wonder: What did God see in him? David’s son, Solomon, was given “a wise and discerning heart” by God. And yet, Solomon was led astray. Let’s see what wisdom, and what insight into the heart of God, we can discern from their stories.

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL AND TRUNK OR TREAT

Wednesday, Oct. 25, 6 PM, Courtyard and TTWS Parking Lot (rain location: WCC)

Come enjoy a night of spooky-season fun as a church. Children’s choir will start at 5:15 PM and will let out early for a quick pizza dinner followed by a costume parade and prizes, carnival games, and trunk or treating starting at 6 PM. Children should bring a bag or bucket to collect treats. It will be a rollicking and festive time!

2023 FAMILY RETREAT: FAITH THAT CAN MOVE MOUNTAINS

Saturday, Nov. 4, 9:30 AM-4:30 PM, KBC Campus

This year’s family retreat is for all kbc.kids and kbc.ym and their families. Matthew 17:20 says, “Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.” Drawing from that famous parable, we’ll explore together what it means to have faith in Jesus and how that faith impacts the world around us.

It’s ideal if your family can attend the entire retreat. Part of what makes a retreat special is extended time spent together, away from the other demands of our daily lives. But if you have a conflict that you cannot work around, we’d rather have you for part of the day than none of it.

Find more details and register at www.tinyurl.com/KBCFamilyRetreat23.

MONTHLY BOOK DISCUSSION FOR PARENTS OF YOUNG PEOPLE

Sundays, 5:45-6:45 PM, Chapel

Join us once a month on Sunday evenings to discuss *Growing With: Every Parent’s Guide to Helping Teenagers and Young Adults Thrive in Their Faith, Family, and Future* by Kara Powell and Steve Argue. For more information on the book, visit growingwithbook.com. Corinne Causby and Ben Heinsohn are facilitators.

We’ll gather on the following 2023-24 dates: **Nov. 5, Dec. 3, Jan. 21, Feb. 11, March 24, April 21, and May 19**. Participants will need to acquire their own book copies. A limited number of copies are available for \$10 at the church office. Cash, check, or credit card are accepted. Register at www.tinyurl.com/KBCGrowingWith.

ARTS & HEARTS CLASS: HAND-BUILDING WITH THE HOLY FAMILY

Monday, Nov. 6, 6-8 PM AND Monday, Nov. 13, 6-8 PM

These two classes will provide a spiritual, visual arts-based experience for adults during Advent by using clay to construct figures of the Holy Family. Participants will use slabs of clay to construct a figure of Mary, Joseph, and Jesus. Several figures can be built: one for participants, and the others can be given as Christmas gifts to church members who are homebound. No prior experience with clay is necessary.

Classes are limited to 15 participants and will be led by Pam Boehme and Rodney Stilwell. *Participants will need to attend both classes.* Register at www.tinyurl.com/KBCHolyFamilyClass23.

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)



KNOLLWOOD

BAPTIST CHURCH

Grace Unbounded