



Knollwood

at Worship

THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Sunday, November 12, 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

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come arr. Ron Boud and Don Hustad
Susan Thorpe, piano; Doug Vancil, organ

CALL TO WORSHIPLucrecia Norman

Our God of the changing seasons welcomes us here!

Our God of unchanging love welcomes us now.

We see autumn’s trees shower the earth with golden leaves

And we know God also showers us with mercy and grace.

So as the trees raise their yearning arms to the sun,

Let us raise our yearning hearts now to worship God.

~Mary Hix

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 637

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR
Terri Vancil, hymn leader

PRAYER OF THE DAYLucrecia Norman

God of Amos, who called for justice to roll down like an ever-flowing stream, awaken us again to Your ever-flowing desire for justice. Let our worship today grow us into wise followers who work for justice and who prepare for Your return. In the name of the One for whose return and recognition as Your people we yearn, **Amen.**

~Mary Hix

SINGING

Come, All Christians, Be Committed BEACH SPRING

Come, all Christians, be committed to the service of the Lord;

make your lives to him more fitted, tune your hearts with one accord.

Come into his courts with gladness, all your sacred vows renew,

turn away from sin and sadness, be transformed with life anew.

PRAYER OF CONFESSIONLucrecia Norman

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Amos 5:18-24 Eli Purvis

This is the word of God.

Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18Don Wells

This is the word of God.

Deacon of the Week

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF THE DAY, NO. 362

Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers.....LLANGLOFFAN

*GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 25:1-13Terri Vancil

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

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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

Children’s Worship is on the first, third, and fifth Sundays of the month.

Worship Care for infants through 4-year-olds is offered weekly.

SERMON..... Bob Setzer, Jr.

A LIVING FAITH CANNOT BE BORROWED

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*HYMN OF RESPONSE, NO. 175

Seek Ye FirstLAFFERTY

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION Bob Setzer, Jr.

Sursum Corda

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Communion Prayer and Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Today we'll be receiving Communion at the rail. Those who prefer to remain in their pew, please raise your hand and a deacon will serve you. All wafers are gluten-free.

Sharing Our Commitments

Worshippers are invited to bring their Commitment Cards forward and place them in the baskets at the head of the center aisles. Cards may also be placed in the offering plate.

Singing

All are encouraged to sing the following hymns during the serving of communion.

Hymn. No. 509: All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly HOLY MANNA

Hymn. No. 510: We Gather Here in Jesus' Name COME, SHARE THE LORD

PASTORAL GREETING Bob Setzer, Jr.

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

Come, All Christians, Be Committed BEACH SPRING

**Of your time and talents give ye, they are gifts from God above,
to be used by Christians freely to proclaim his wondrous love.
Come again to serve the Savior, tithes and offerings with you bring;
in your work, with him find favor, and with joy his praises sing.**

*Hine Ma Tov Israeli Folk Song
Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity. (Psalm 133:1)*

*Yarabba salami Traditional Palestinian Melody
O God of peace, send down your peace on our world.
Chapel Choir and Women of the Chancel Choir
Terri Vancil, director*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVINGDon Wells

***SENDING HYMN**

Come, All Christians, Be Committed*BEACH SPRING*

**Go in praise and adoration, all who on Christ’s name believe;
worship him with consecration, grace and love will you receive.
For his grace give him the glory, for the Spirit and the Word,
and repeat the gospel story until all his name have heard.**

DEPARTING TO SERVE

***BENEDICTION** Bob Setzer, Jr.

***POSTLUDE**

Processional in D.....*David Johnson*

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

On the Sundays nearest Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Veterans Day, our nation’s flag is placed in the narthex in gratitude for those whose national service helped ensure the freedoms we enjoy as Americans.

The acolyte is Tessa Anderson and the crucifer is Lincoln Jackson.

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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

Today's flowers in the **sanctuary** honor two very special individuals for the Hinson family, both of whom have been foundational in their faith and family journeys. Nov. 9 marked the 91st birthday of Rev. Charles S. Hinson Sr. — father, grandfather, and father-in-love. Nov. 9 was also the birthday of Ms. Cynthia Domingo, the godmother who — along with her wife, professor Cheryl Boudreaux, Ph.D. — helped raise Olivia and Chase from their earliest days. Every child, no matter their chronological age, and parent should be so blessed as to have a *gentle*-man like Charles Hinson Sr. and loving godmothers like “C and C” in their lives. Thanks be to God for these special people to Chuck Jr., Renée, Olivia, and Chase. The family also wants to express immense gratitude to this community of faith for their ongoing growth and challenge as believers, living into and out of that shared, yet individually defined, faith.

Today's flowers in the **narthex** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Glenda Correll, a great friend and charter church member, by William Hough.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY: FIRST THINGS FIRST

Today members and friends of Knollwood are invited to make their giving estimates for the coming year. Estimate-of-giving cards were mailed and can also be found on the table in the narthex and in the pew racks.

Worshippers are invited to place their estimate-of-giving card(s) into one of the baskets at the front as they come to the rail for Communion. The cards may also be placed in the offering plate. Thank you!

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.

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

If you desire membership in this congregation, please 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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAM, NOV. 15

2024 Ministry Plan Presentation

Knollwood's Ministry Plan has never been “just about the numbers.” The categories of ministry and their many line items express our commitment to fund and equip Knollwood for the work of love and justice to which Jesus calls us. We will welcome the Finance Committee to lead us through the 2024 Proposed Ministry Plan. We'll begin with a presentation of the plan, followed by table discussion and a chance to ask questions.

REGISTER NOW FOR KBC.KIDS FRIENDSGIVING

Wednesday, Nov. 15, 5:15-7 PM

This annual Thanksgiving tradition lets kbc.kids enjoy a Thanksgiving feast together and celebrate our special church friendships for which we are so thankful.

Preschoolers: 5:15-6 PM (they will then play in their classroom from 6-7 PM)

Kindergarten through fifth grade: 6-7 PM

Friendsgiving is open to any child, even if you're not a Wednesday regular. Everyone should register ahead of time at www.tinyurl.com/KBCFriendsgiving23 to ensure we have enough food and materials.

INGATHERING FOR CRISIS CONTROL MINISTRY NOV. 18-19

Crisis Control Ministry relies on the Knollwood Ingathering as its largest congregational donation of nonperishable food items each year. The Ingathering is open to the congregation and to the community.

Grocery bags will be handed out after worship today and after dinner on Wednesday night, Nov. 15. Please take a bag (or two!) and fill them with the nonperishable food items that have been requested by Crisis Control. A suggested donation list will be attached to each bag or can be accessed at www.tinyurl.com/KBCFoodDrive23.

The Crisis Control truck will be at Knollwood for drop-off **Saturday, Nov. 18, from 1-3 PM**. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to be part of the Ingathering and let them know they can drop off their donations then. On **Sunday, Nov. 19**, bags can be dropped off starting at 9 AM at the front of the sanctuary, where individuals will be available to assist you, or you can bring them to the chancel area before worship.

COMMUNITY INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Sunday, Nov. 19, 7 PM, Augsburg Lutheran Church

This year's Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be held at Augsburg Lutheran Church (845 W. Fifth St., Winston-Salem). A nursery will be provided.

We invite Knollwood members to gather with fellow Christians, Jews, and Muslims to give thanks to God on this special evening. Please bring **donations of canned corn** for Crisis Control Ministry.

ARTS & HEARTS CLASS: ADVENT WREATH MAKING WITH MARISSA JOYCE

Sunday, Dec. 3, 3-4:30 PM, WCC Arts & Hearts Room (all ages)

You and your family are invited to join us to construct a beautiful Advent candle wreath for your family to take home and use. This beginner-level craft is kid-friendly, and people of all ages can contribute.

KBC will provide the candles and materials, but we ask our participants to bring some handheld garden clippers and an assortment of leaf/greenery cuttings from your own yard to share with the group.

Register at www.tinyurl.com/KBCWreaths23.

ARTS & HEARTS CLASS: HOLIDAY BAKING WITH MARY CUTLER

Monday, Dec. 4, 6:30-8:30 PM, WCC Arts & Hearts Room (adults only)

Enjoy a light snack dinner while Mary demonstrates several delicious and festive holiday dishes including dinner rolls, spritz cookies, quiche, Mexican wedding cookies, and more. All supplies will be provided.

Register by **Dec. 1** at www.tinyurl.com/KBCHolidayBaking23.

TIME TO REGISTER FOR PASSPORTKIDS 2024

Passportkids camp is a well-loved tradition at Knollwood. It is a great way for children to grow deeper in their faith. Passportkids is open only to children who have completed third through fifth grade at the time of camp. For more information, visit passportcamps.org.

We are planning to attend Passportkids at Greensboro College July 8-11, 2024. Knollwood subsidizes the cost of camp for our children and pays for all required adult chaperones, but we need to register our group soon. Total cost will be \$325 per child.

Email sara@knollwood.org with any questions. To register, visit www.tinyurl.com/KBCPassportKids24.

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
(on parental leave)

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