



Knollwood

at Worship

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THANKSGIVING • KNOLLWOOD INGATHERING

Sunday, November 19, 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)

INGATHERING OFFERING

The grocery bags filled with food on the chancel celebrate God’s bounty to us and our commitment to share the bounty with God’s children in need. This food will be distributed to our needy neighbors through Crisis Control Ministry (www.crisiscontrol.org).

PRELUDE

Now Thank We All Our God..... Johann Sebastian Bach
Doug Vancil, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP Katharine Martin

God who is eternal, who knows no boundaries of time or space,

We are reminded each day of the limits of our mortality.

In this hour of worship, made holy by the power of your presence,

Inspire us to count our days with wisdom, joy, and humility.

~David Wilkinson, from Psalm 90

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 643

Now Thank We All Our God.....NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT
Terri Vancil, hymn leader

PRAYER OF THE DAY Katharine Martin

God of radical generosity, you have blessed our beloved community with countless gifts of material and spiritual resources. We pray for the discernment, trust, and courage to invest wholeheartedly in the transformation of the world as envisioned and embodied by Jesus. **Amen.**

~David Wilkinson

* Those who are able will stand.

CHORAL PRAYER

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*

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: Psalm 90:1-6, 10, 12..... Libby Alden

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-5, 8-11.....Don Harvey

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

*GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 25:14-30Lucrecia Norman, Katharine Martin

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.

*HYMN, NO. 36

For the Fruit of All Creation..... AR HYD Y NOS

SERMON..... Bob Setzer, Jr.

GOD GRADES ON A CURVE

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

Sing to the Lord of Harvest arr. Healey Willan

The congregation will stand and join the choir on stanza three.

Heap on the sa - cred al - tar the gifts God's good - ness gave, the
gold - en sheaves of har - vest, the souls Christ died to save. Your
hearts lay down be - fore him when at his feet you fall, and
with your lives a - dore him who gave his life for all.

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

Celebration on 'AZMON' *Brian Childers*
Chancel Bells; Linda Denney, director

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Don Harvey

*DOXOLOGY

My Gracious Master and My God *AZMON*



My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim, to



spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of thy name.

DEPARTING TO SERVE

*BENEDICTION Bob Setzer, Jr.

*POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God *arr. Sigfrid Karg-Elert*
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 Owen White and the crucifer is Frank O'Neill.

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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.

STEWARDSHIP: PUTTING FIRST THINGS FIRST AT KNOLLWOOD

If you did not make your estimate of giving on Commitment Sunday, you are invited to do so now. Estimate-of-giving cards and envelopes were mailed to members and can also be found on the table in the narthex and in the pew racks. You may also download a copy at www.tinyurl.com/KBCGiving24.

The cards may be placed in the offering plate, or you may also return your card by mail or in person to the church office by Nov. 30. You may also email your estimate of giving to our church administrator, Robin Spainhour, at robin@knollwood.org. All giving commitments are kept confidential.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET AVAILABLE

The 2023 Advent devotional booklet is now available. Copies can be picked up in the narthex, the foyer of Building B, or the church office. Copies were delivered to homebound members.

Opening with original cover art by Whitney Preslar, the booklet owes its seasonal content to dozens of contributors who submitted devotional texts, photos, and art, and to editors Mary Hix and Dorothy Wagener. Its purpose, as stated in the introduction by Katharine Martin, is "to enrich our congregation's experience of Advent preparation, Christmas joy, and Epiphany insight."

COMMUNITY INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

TODAY, 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.

SPECIAL MUSICAL GUESTS NEXT SUNDAY

The Ardmore Brass, Chancel Choir, and organ will lead us in worship on Nov. 26, Christ the King Sunday. We'll sing hymns that celebrate the final Sunday of the church year, and the brass and organ will accompany the choir on the beloved anthem by Ralph Vaughan Williams, *Let All the World in Every Corner Sing*.

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. KBC will provide the candles and materials, but we ask our participants to bring handheld garden clippers and leaf/greenery cuttings from your yard to share.

Register at www.tinyurl.com/KBCWreaths23.

WONDERS: A CONTEMPLATIVE APPROACH TO ADVENT

Mondays, Dec. 4, 11 & 18, 9:30-11 AM, WCC Community Room

Would you like to deepen your experience of Advent this year? Join us for three weekly sessions offering time for quiet reflection, creative expression, and shared conversation focusing on the season of Advent. This group is designed for adults of all ages. Please register soon — group size is limited. To register or if you have questions, please contact Melanie Wilkinson at melanie.o.wilkinson@gmail.com or 254-715-0073.

ARTS & HEARTS CLASS: HOLIDAY BAKING WITH MARY CUTLER

Monday, Dec. 4, 6:30-8:30 PM, Kitchen and Dining 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.

FAITH IN THE CITY: “FREEDOM SCHOOLS: MEETING A VITAL NEED”

Tuesday, Dec. 5, noon-1 PM, WCC Community Room

Our December program will focus on the continued growth of Freedom Schools in Winston-Salem and how this long-established program of the Children’s Defense Fund is making a considerable impact on children’s lives and learning outcomes. Hear our panel describe why Freedom Schools help reverse summer learning loss and build civic engagement skills for both students and their leaders.

Our panelists will be: **Rashawn Meekins**, WS/FCS assistant principal and a past Ella Baker Trainer at the Children’s Defense Fund; **Dr. Dani Parker-Moore**, assistant professor of multicultural education at Wake Forest University; and **Russ May**, the administrator of Winston-Salem Freedom Schools.

Faith in the City meets in-person at KBC, with a Zoom option available. December’s Zoom link is www.tinyurl.com/FITCDec23. For further information, contact faithinthecitykbc@gmail.com.

REGISTER NOW FOR PASSPORTKIDS 2024: JULY 8-11, 2024 AT GREENSBORO COLLEGE

Passportkids camp is a well-loved tradition at Knollwood. It is open only to children who have completed third through fifth grade at the time of camp. 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.

REGISTER NOW FOR THE 2024 WOMEN’S RETREAT

Feb. 2-4, 2024, Catholic Conference Center (Hickory)

Women of Knollwood, take note: The 2024 Women’s Retreat is scheduled for Feb. 2-4, 2024, not in early March as usual. Information about the guest facilitator, room rates, and other details will be coming soon.

Registration will run through mid-January. You can register online at tinyurl.com/KBCWomensRetreat24, in person in January, or by calling the church office at 336-725-1343.

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through Thursday, 9 AM-5 PM, and Friday, 9 AM-1 PM. *The office will be closed Nov. 23 and 24.*

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)



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