



Kenilworth @ Work!

March 2026



Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10

Sunday Worship and Midweek Lenten Study in March



Sunday worship and midweek Lenten Study will continue to be led by Rev. David Jewel, our Pastor Emeritus. Gospel readings for the first four Sundays in March will come from the Gospel according to John. They include passages about Jesus and Nicodemus, the woman at the well, giving sight to a blind person, and raising Lazarus from the dead. They are paired with Lectionary readings from Paul's Letter to the Church at Rome, touching on the doctrine of "justification by faith." The month ends with blending the themes of Palm Sunday and Passion Week, built around readings from Matthew 21, 26 and 27.

The Gospel reading on March 15 will be presented as a Reader's Theatre. In a Reader's Theatre, the lines are read from printed copies rather than recited from memory. There are no props, costumes, or scenery. Only the readers tone, inflections, and voice bringing the text to life, while the listeners create props, costumes and scenery in their own imagination. It's like hearing a story on the radio, with the added experience of being in the studio with the readers. Six readers are needed. If you wish to volunteer, see Pastor David. If you don't wish to be volunteered, hide from Pastor David.

Lenten Dinners and Study Continues on Wednesdays Through March 25

We gather at 6:15pm, eat at 6:30pm, and from about 7 to 8pm engage in our study of how the apostle Paul thought of the cross, and reflect on our own theology of the cross. Dinner captains coordinate the meal. The study is led by Pastor Jewel. The great food and time of fellowship and reflection is of benefit to all, including those who can only attend one or a few of the weeks. (See page 2 for more information about the Lenten dinners.)

Looking Ahead to April

Following our Maundy Thursday evening service on April 2, the Sundays of April will come into bloom with Easter, Bright Sunday, Gifts of Women, and Earth Sunday. It will be great time to experience the vitality and diversity of worship at KPC!



Times are A Changing!

The "spring forward" time change occurs on Sunday March 8th. Turn your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night, so you don't miss the first hour of worship!



See! The winter is past; Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land. The fig tree forms its early fruit; the blossoming vines spread their fragrance. from Song of Solomon 2





CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY

A survey has been developed by the Search Commission as a precursor to our search for a new pastor. The survey is to help us better understand the desires and needs of the congregation. It will be emailed to all members and regular worship attendees by Sunday March 1, 2026 and will be available on the table in the Narthex. It needs to be returned by Sunday, March 8, 2026, either by email or in person. Thank you in advance for your input.



Lenten Dinners

Our first Lenten dinner was held on February 25. The meal featured turkey and all the toppings to make a hot turkey dinner or a salad topped with turkey. Thank you to all those who provided the interesting toppings.

Lenten Dinners for the remainder of Lent are planned.



March 4, we will enjoy a meatloaf and mashed potato meal.

March 11, the meal is centered around lasagna.

March 18, a day late, but the meal will include all the trimmings for a great St. Patrick's day meal, including corned beef and colcannon.

March 25: look forward to a chili supper with a twist. We'll have hot cinnamon rolls to go with our chili.

We will gather about 6:15 and eat around 6:30. The Lenten study will begin at 7 pm. Please sign up to attend. We want to have enough food for all who come. You can also sign up to up prepare the food, set up and clean up. Sign up sheets are in the fireplace room.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

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FEBRUARY 18—APRIL 5, 2026

Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. This Lenten season, please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing.



God, our Creator, You have given us work to do and call us to use our talents for the good of all. Guide us as we work, and teach us to live in the Spirit who made us your children, in the love that made us one body, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Souper Hot Topic Resumes in April

The next Souper Hot Topic get-together is Wednesday, April 22, 5:30 to 7 pm. The topic is "What Young People Want Out of Church."





Kenilworth Presbyterian Women

Bible Study & Meeting, Saturday, March 21 10:00 am



This year's Bible study, *Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ*, continues with Lesson 7: "The Woman Who Was Bent Over." The main idea is "As followers of Christ, we are to serve with a compassionate and healing spirit and be part of setting people free." Barbara will lead Lesson 7.



We pray: O Christ, thank you for the example you set, showing us that there is no contradiction between servanthood and leadership, because leadership is service. We pray for siblings of Christ in your church. May their faithfulness inspire us all to spread the good news of your love throughout the world. Amen.



January Recap

G4G's pantry was open on January 2nd, even though the Oregon Food Bank was closed (thus no delivery). The month had five Friday pantries which artificially inflated the usual 4-Friday month. But every week, we received and distributed enormous amounts of groceries and served an enormous number of shoppers and their families. Check out the totals.

Laura Schaefer, director

As always, we thank our volunteers for their dedication, flexibility, and continued commitment as we navigate new challenges and new opportunities to serve our community. We truly couldn't do this work without them.

G4G's pantry was open on

People served

2,361 people from 577 households

24,600 # total groceries received

18,661 # Oregon Food Bank

1,050 # New Seasons - Woodstock

1,140 # QFC – Westmoreland

2,176 # City Team Ministries

263 # Other Donations

1,281 # Purchased

Volunteers

435 Hours

38 People



Dave Ramsey

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I thank my God every time

Heather Wood

7

I remember you. In all

Shirlee Ebert

9

my prayers for all of you,

Katy Tomic

21

I always pray with joy.

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Philippians 1:3-4

All That Is Gold Does Not Glitter



By J.R.R. Tolkien

All that is gold does not glitter, Not all those who wander are lost;

The old that is strong does not wither, Deep roots are not reached by the frost.

From the ashes a fire shall be woken, A light from the shadows shall spring;

Renewed shall be blade that was broken, The crownless again shall be king.



BARB'S NOTE-ABLE NOTES THE MUSIC OF LENT



I recall a choir rehearsal in our Iowa church at the beginning of Lent when my dad said that the music of Lent was his favorite. The more I think about it, the more I agree with him.

I found an article from *The Liturgical Home* by Ashley Tumlin Wallace that explores the music of Lent and would like to share some of her thoughts with you.



Ashley Tumlin
Wallace

“Did you know that Lent has its very own song? I certainly didn’t until I began exploring the beauty of the liturgical calendar. Much like Advent, Lent has its own distinct themes; repentance, mercy, sacrifice, and the longing for redemption. Yet, while Advent’s music expresses deep yearning and hopeful expectation, Lenten hymns are often more somber, calling us to reflection, repentance, and the weight of Christ’s journey to the cross.

Lenten hymns set a tone that is vastly different from the joyous songs of Easter. They guide us into the wilderness with Christ, helping us to slow down and enter fully into this season of self-examination and renewal. The music of Lent reminds us of our **frailty**, our **dependence on God’s mercy**, and ultimately, the **great love of Christ**, who bore our sins on the cross.

One of the most well-known and beloved Lenten hymns is *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*. Its powerful lyrics and mournful melody draw us into the suffering of Christ, making us pause and reflect on the depth of His sacrifice:

*O sacred Head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded With thorns, Thine only crown;
How pale Thou art with anguish, With sore abuse and scorn!
How does that visage languish, Which once was bright as morn!*

This hymn takes us to the foot of the cross, inviting us to meditate on the **sorrow and suffering of Christ**. The weight of Lent is real, but through it, we glimpse the boundless love of our Savior.

Another powerful Lenten hymn is *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*. This hymn shifts our focus from sorrow to **deep gratitude**, leading us to the heart of Lenten worship, **laying down our own pride and embracing the humility of the cross**:

*When I survey the wondrous cross, On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.*

Lenten music doesn’t leave us in despair, it draws us deeper into the mystery of Christ’s love, preparing us for the triumph of Easter morning. Just as the world rushes past Advent straight into Christmas, it often skips over Lent in favor of the celebration of Easter. But there is something deeply **transformative** about allowing ourselves to dwell in the music of Lent, to sit in the tension, to fully engage with the reality of Christ’s suffering, and to prepare our hearts for the **full joy of the Resurrection**.

In our family, we make an intentional effort to embrace Lenten hymns throughout these forty days. We save “**Jesus Christ is Risen Today**” and “**Christ the Lord is Risen Today**” for Easter morning, allowing their **triumphant joy** to be the culmination of a season of **preparation**. And when we finally sing them, it **feels different**, richer, fuller, overflowing with meaning because we have journeyed through Lent first. Lenten hymns have been sung for centuries, guiding the Church through this sacred season of **repentance and renewal**. They remind us of **Christ’s suffering, our need for grace, and the mercy of God.**”

I look forward to walking through Lent with you.

Musically yours, Barb Votrobeck



Session Highlights February 22, 2026



- Session welcomed Nancy Youngs newly elected Elder, installed during the morning Worship. Edith Starling begins her second consecutive term as Elder, and Elder Paul Youngs departs having completed his second consecutive term on Session. Thank you Paul for your many hours dedicated to the work and Worship of KPC.
- Rick Votrobeck was reelected as Clerk of Session, Laura Schaefer was reelected as Church Treasurer, Rebecca Jewel was reelected as Commissioner to Presbytery, and Barb Votrobeck and Carol Garner were appointed to the 2026 Nominating Committee. KPC is authorized to have two voting Elders as Commissioners to Presbytery. We have one vacancy if another Elder wishes to volunteer.
- Financial reports showed January income exceeded expenses by \$982. Most expenses were in line with budget expectations; however \$79 garden water expense was unexpected.
- Mission Committee reported one family's rent was paid.
- Properties committee reported that one of the front door closure mechanisms was damaged and repaired in January. The new motion activated flood light above the North entry door is operational, and new combination bolt latches have replaced the padlocks on the two yard gates. Plans are in progress to add anti-slip protection to the stairs inside the north entry.
- The Grounds team reported a need for assistance from preschool parents to dig out an invasive patch of Lesser Celandine. They are also seeking assistance to complete the peace pole repainting project.
- The half-day Summer Art Camp in July has now been scheduled from July 13-17.
- Session completed a draft of a survey of the congregation to be distributed March 1 with a request for a speedy completion and return by March 8, 2026.
- Several amendments to the preliminary budget proposal were approved. The changes are being compiled and advanced for final review.
- The Creston/Kenilworth Neighborhood Association contributed \$500 to KPC for the use of the parking lot and restroom facilities on Dumpster Day.
- The Welsh Society of Oregon requested space for the small choir to rehearse in March, September, October and December. Session authorized Laura to complete the scheduling.
- Session authorized Rev. David Jewel to officiate a private wedding for a friend of our congregation in April 2026.
- A round-table discussion of the future of the Presbytery Urban Network (PUN) is scheduled at 12 pm, March 11 at the Calvary PC Coffee House. Parish Nurse Tim Winslea will retire in June, 2026.
- A series of Lenten dinners will meet on five consecutive Wednesday evenings beginning 6:15 pm, February 25 with programs discussing the teachings of St. Paul the Apostle.
- A Red Cross Blood Drive will be conducted in the Fireplace room Thursday, February 26.
- The March Session meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 22, 2026 at 1:30 pm.
- Weekly pulpit supply:

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|  | Feb 22- March 29 April 2 5 12 19 26 | Sundays of Lent - Rev. David Jewel Maundy Thursday, 7:30 pm - Rev. David Jewel Easter Sunday - Rev. David Jewel Bright Sunday - St. Paul the Apostle Comes to Portland Gifts of Women Sunday - Presbyterian Women of Kenilworth Earth Care Sunday - The Green Team |
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**GREEN
TEAM
REPORT**

Button Cell Battery Recycling Guide



Button cell batteries are the small, flat, round batteries found in watches, hearing aids, car key fobs, calculators, and medical devices. Although they are tiny, these batteries contain valuable materials that can be recovered and can harm the environment if not handled or disposed of correctly.

The main challenge in recycling button cells is their small size and the difficulty of sorting them. They are made in huge numbers and are rarely separated by type at collection points, which makes recovery hard. Most are thrown away with household trash. Lithium cells can cause fires, and all types add small amounts of heavy metals to landfills.

Button cell batteries are made with different chemistries, including silver oxide, zinc-air, lithium (CR-type), and the older mercury oxide, which is now mostly banned. Each type has its own recycling challenges:

Lithium coin cells (CR series) are the most common type today and are used in watches, key fobs, and small electronics. They contain lithium metal, which can catch fire if it gets wet. These batteries last for years but can cause fires if they are damaged or thrown away incorrectly.

Silver oxide (SR series) batteries are high-quality batteries used in watches and precision instruments. They contain silver, which is valuable and makes recycling worthwhile. Silver oxide batteries keep a steady voltage throughout their life, so they are often chosen for watches.

Zinc-air are primarily used in hearing aids. These batteries activate when a tab is removed, exposing zinc to air. Contains zinc and potassium hydroxide. Widely recycled through hearing aid provider programs.

Alkaline button cells (LR series) use a similar chemistry to single-use AA batteries but are shaped like buttons. They are found in toys, calculators, and small flashlights. These batteries are less valuable for recycling than silver oxide or lithium types.

Button cells made before 1996 may contain mercury. Although these are now rare, they should always be recycled properly and never thrown in the trash.

Button cells are increasingly targeted for recycling because of the value of the recoverable materials, given their small size and easy handling. Silver oxide batteries are particularly valuable—silver prices make recovery economically attractive. Lithium coin cells contain materials increasingly in demand for the growing battery industry.

Child Safety: Button batteries are very dangerous if swallowed by children. These batteries can get stuck in the esophagus and cause severe burns in just two hours, which can lead to serious injury. Recycling button batteries properly helps keep your home safe. Store used batteries in a secure container out of children's reach until you can recycle them. Put tape on both sides of the battery to prevent sparks and reduce fire risk.

How to Recycle Button Cell Batteries: Do not put any batteries into your trash. There is a container for used batteries in the KPC Recycling Center. Please put tape over both ends and sides of all batteries before dropping them into the container. We don't want to start a fire.





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