

Enter to Worship – Leave to Serve

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Sunday December 3rd, 2023

Prelude Lulajze Jezuniu Polish Christmas Carol
Welcome and Announcements
Call to Worship
***Hymn** 165 v.1-3 O Little Town of Bethlehem
Opening Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer (trespasses)
Words of Assurance

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

***Youth Hymn** 119 v. 1 Hope is a Star
Children’s Time
Repeat vs. 1 of the youth hymn as children are dismissed to Sunday Kool

Responsive Reading see insert
Scripture:
Anthem Little Boy Jesus Patsy Ford Simms
Message The Hopes and Fears of all the Years

WE RESPOND IN FAITH AND SERVICE

Offering and Offertory The Hudson Ola Gjeilo
***Doxology**
*What can I bring Him? Poor as I am.
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb
If I were a wiseman, I would do my part
But what I have, I give Him,
I give my heart.*

Prayer of Dedication

***Communion Hymn** 159 v. 1-2 Oh Come, All Ye Faithful
Elders come forward during verse 2

Invitation to the Table

Profession of Faith The Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead.
On the third day, he rose again. He ascended into heaven. He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.

The Sacrament of Communion

Special Music The Coventry Carol Marty Parks
Laura Bolt, flute
***Hymn** 159 v.3-4 Oh Come, All Ye Faithful
***Benediction**
Postlude Sidewalks Ola Gjeilo
Lac-Hong Phi, cello

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Welcome! Whether you are a long-time member or new to our congregation, we hope you feel welcomed and at home today! Washrooms are located at the Mitchell Street entrance and the rear parking lot entrance. There is also a washroom in the CE Hall.

Join us downstairs for coffee, tea, juice and treats. Thanks to Jan and Brock Barrett’s team for providing this week’s coffee break, to Session for providing ushers and to Tom Jackson who is on elevator/security.

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Church Office Hours: Monday to Thursday 9am – 1pm.

NOTE: The church is not open on Fridays in December.

Sunday Kool: Knox Sunday Kool runs from after the children's time until the conclusion of the worship service. Today, we are practicing for the children's pageant!

Looking for....

Worship Bags for children aged 0-5, 5-12 years? They are in on the pew in the narthex (the space just outside the sanctuary where you receive a bulletin).

A Bible to take to your pew? They are located at every entrance to the sanctuary in the narthex. Ask an usher, if you don't see one!

The Nursery? The Nursery is located in the Christian Education Hall (the building adjacent to the main sanctuary). Go to the rear parking lot entrance. The nursery is located just off the large hallway that is off of this entrance.

Copies of the latest edition of PCConnect (our denomination's newspaper) are available on the tables in the front foyer! Please pick one up!

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UPCOMING EVENTS



Tuesday December 5th 7:00pm A Time to Remember Service – a quiet and thoughtful service of Remembrance as we honour those who have left an empty chair at our tables this Christmas.

Saturday December 16th 7:30pm The Messiah at Knox Church, St. Thomas
Featuring Choral Connection, conducted by Hugh Van Pelt, with orchestra
Tickets: \$38/adult or \$25 for children under 12 years.
Tickets are available at choralconnection.ca or by calling Lucy Van Pelt at: 519-661-6902.

Kids!!! Aunt Edna's Shopping for Christmas Sale: Sunday Dec. 17th during Sunday Kool. Children are invited to bring a quarter (if they remember) – to go shopping at Aunt Edna's Sale. This is an opportunity for kids to purchase new or gently used gifts for family and friends. Volunteers will wrap the gifts during Kool time.

Christmas Eve at Knox This year, December 24th falls on a Sunday. This means that we will be celebrating Advent 4 in the morning, with a carol sing service. In the evening, there will be the two Christmas Eve Services:
6pm Family Service
8pm Traditional Service with Brass

Please join us for these meaningful services, as we celebrate the birth of the One who came to live and dwell among us, the baby born in a stable, who became our King.

Looking for a December calendar? You can find paper copies on the tables in the foyer. You can also access the church calendar, newsletter and the bulletin on the church website: www.knoxstthomas.ca. The calendar and newsletter are on the "Communications" page (under the "About" Heading). The bulletin is found on the worship page.

Today 10:45 am
Today 11:30 am
Today 12:30 pm
Monday 6:30 pm
Tuesday 9:00 am
Tuesday 1:00 pm
Tuesday 6:00 pm
Tuesday 7:00 pm
Wednesday 9:00 am
Wednesday 9:30 am
Wednesday 10:30 am
Wednesday 6:00 pm
Wednesday 6:30 pm
Thursday 10:15 am
Thursday 1:00pm
Thursday 1:00 pm
Thursday 7:00 pm
Thursday 7:30 pm
Saturday 10:00 am
Sunday 10:30 am
Sunday 10:30 am
Sunday 11:30 am

This Week at Knox

Worship, Sunday Kool and Nursery
Coffee Break (Rodney Hall)
Choir Party (Boston Pizza)
Embers (formerly Browies) (CE Hall)
Golden K (Rodney Hall)
Bazaar Meeting (Library)
Girl Guides (CE Hall)
Time to Remember Service (Sanctuary)
Kitchen Whiches (Kitchen)
Indoor Playground (CE Hall)
Bible Study-Holy Seeing (Library)
Session/Board Dinner
Scouts (CE Hall)
Rodney Outreach (Minister's office)
Worship Committee (Library)
Knox Knits (CE Hall)
Choir (Sanctuary)
A.A. The Winner's Circle (CE Hall)
Pageant Practice (Sanctuary)
Library books available in Rodney Hall
Advent 2 – Christmas Pageant
Coffee Break (Rodney Hall)

December 10th Ushers Organized by: Choir **Security:** Dave Hawn
Coffee Break Hosted by: Bill and Jean MacPherson's Team

Other News from Knox!

Church Library December Hours: The Library will NOT be open on Tuesdays for the month of December. Books for adults & children will be made available to be signed out in Rodney Hall following service on December 3rd and December 10th. The Library will be closed for Christmas starting December 11th, and will reopen in early in the new year.



Committee conveners! Please send in your budget requests to the church office by Tuesday December 5th, 2023.

Would you consider serving on a committee of the church? Speak to Mavis!

Christmas ornaments! Looking for the perfect Christmas gift? Why not purchase a red Knox ornament for just \$10. Proceeds from the sale of these ornaments go toward our online ministry. These are on sale today in Rodney Hall!

The Great Relish Recall: Did you purchase relish at the Knox Bazaar? While there is no health risk, if you would like to return your relish for a fresh batch in the new year, or receive a refund... the Kitchen Whiches are happy to oblige. There was a "flavour" issue (too salty for some!) – that didn't meet the usual high standards of the Whiches. Speak with Pam O'Sullivan or Wendy Liebrechts.

Needed: There are several older members of the church who are in need of a "driver" once or twice a week. These are paid positions. If you are interested, please contact Rev. Mavis Currie for more information.

Volunteers for December 24th and December 31st Required!

We are in need of a few people to help with greeting and ushering. If you are able to help, please sign up on the white board in Rodney Hall.

6pm service on Dec. 24th -- 2 Greeters needed: one at the front door, one at the parking lot door (Arriving at Knox by 5:25pm and welcoming worshippers)

10:30am service on Dec, 31st - 2 Greeters needed: one at the front door, one at the parking lot door (Arriving at Knox by 9:45 am and welcoming worshippers)

- **6 ushers needed:** TWO arriving for 9:45am to distribute bulletins plus **FOUR** arriving for 10:30am, to help with collection.

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Poinsettia
ORDER FORM**

NOTE: This year, poinsettias will be available for pick up after the 8pm service on Christmas Eve OR you may choose to have your poinsettia gifted by the church to someone in our congregation or community.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!!

My/Our Name isPhone.....

I/We would like to order..... Poinsettias @ \$11.00 each in memory of

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I will pick up my poinsettia after the 8pm service on December 24th _____

I would like my poinsettia gifted to someone in the congregation/community _____

My payment of \$..... is attached.....

(signed)

Note: the last day to order is Monday, December 4th, 2023.