

Enter to Worship – Leave to Serve
WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude A House is not a Home B. Bacharach
Welcome and Announcements
Call to Worship
*Hymn 500 Open My Eyes that I May See
Opening Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer (trespasses)
Words of Assurance

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

*Youth Hymn printed Seek Ye First
Children’s Time
(repeat verse 1 of the youth hymn as children are dismissed to Sunday Kool and Nursery.)

Responsive Reading: Psalm 62:5-11 Deb Cooper

For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from God.
God alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress;
I shall not be shaken.
On God rests my deliverance and my honour; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.
Trust in God at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us.
Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion;
in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.
Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery;
If riches increase, do not set your heart on them.
Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this:
Power belongs to God, and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord.

Scripture: Genesis 1:1-5
Anthem Angels Watchin' Over Me B. & S. Poorman
Message Call Display Rev. Mavis Currie

WE RESPOND IN FAITH AND SERVICE

Offering and Offertory Amazing Grace J. Raney
Mary Ann McVicar, alto
*Doxology
*Praise God from Whom All Blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!*
Prayer of Dedication
Prayers of the People
*Hymn 508 Your Word, O God, awoke the uncreated
*Benediction
Postlude Fly Me to the Moon B. Howard

Welcome to worship! If you are visiting, please fill in a visitor’s card in your pew, and place it on the offering plate at the time of collection. Washrooms are located at the Mitchell Street entrance and the rear parking lot entrance. There is also a washroom in the CE Hall.

Thanks to volunteers from the Session for providing ushers for today’s service, to Paul Tait who is on security, and to the Kirkin’ Committee for hosting our Robbie Burns Scottish stew and soup luncheon!

Today’s Burn’s Luncheon: Proceeds from the luncheon will go toward funding our annual Kirkin’ of the Tartan, held every year in September. Please follow the piper down to Rodney Hall today. The haggis will be duly addressed and then we are invited to line up to choose our stew or soup. If you have mobility issues, please remain seated and someone will bring your lunch to you.

Welcome Committee Tribute - In memory of 3 members of the Welcome Committee who have passed away in the last year and a half, Dorothy Black, Bob Heil and Johanna VanWyk, committee members will be the volunteer greeters every Sunday in January.

Staff Emails

Minister: Rev. Mavis Currie m.currie@knoxstthomas.ca

Organist: Sandy Kazubowski-Houston amadeusz.scherzo@gmail.com

Outreach and Christian Ed: Meghan Brockington m.brockington@knoxstthomas.ca

Office Administrator: Kathy Kestle office@knoxstthomas.ca

Church Phone 519-631-2414

www.knoxstthomas.ca

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

Friday 9:30am – 12:00 noon

(NOTE: please call ahead as the door is locked on Fridays)

Sunday Kool: Knox Sunday Kool runs from after the children's time until the conclusion of the worship service.

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!

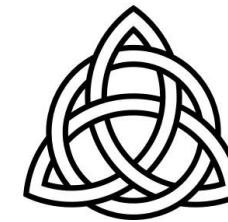
The Nursery? The Nursery is located in the Christian Education Hall (the building adjacent to the main sanctuary). Go to the rear parking lot entrance. The nursery is located just off the large hallway that is off of this entrance.

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

CCLI License # 1262944 One License # 729583-A Valid: 12/19/2023-12/18/2024.



Knox Presbyterian Church
55 Hincks Street, St. Thomas, Ontario
N5R 3N9
www.knoxstthomas.ca



January 21st, 2024.
10:30am

To all who would know God and do God's will; to all who would live and serve to make the world better; to all who seek comfort and would find rest; to old and young, wise and unlearned, rich and poor, saint and sinner, this church opens wide its doors and in the name of Jesus Christ bids you welcome to our Father's house.

Upcoming Events!


Sat. January 27th The London Fire Fighters’ Pipe Band Robbie Burns Dinner and Entertainment Bellamere Winery and Event Centre 1260 Gainsborough Rd. London, ON Cocktails: 5pm-6pm Buffet Dinner: 6pm
Tickets: \$80/person includes dinner and entertainment, silent auction and door prizes. For tickets, contact@lffpb.ca .

January 29th 7pm – 8pm St. Hilda’s St. Luke’s Anglican Church invites those who are interested to an evening presentation entitled “All About MAID”. Location: St. Hilda’s St. Luke’s Church, 185 Elm Street, St. Thomas. The speaker is: Julie Campbel, MBA, MN, NP (PHAC), Manager of Patient Services – MAID, Home and Community Care South West.

Wed. January 31st at 2pm Welcome to Knox Afternoon for those considering membership. We will be welcoming new members on Sunday February 11th at morning worship. If January 31st does not work for you, please speak to Mavis to arrange another time to connect prior to February 11th.

Saturday February 10th 5:15pm The January and February Birthday Dinner! Is your birthday in January or February? Join us for dinner at a local restaurant (each person pays their own way.) You are welcome to bring your partner, guest or family. RSVP to Mavis by February 5th.

Sunday February 11th Pay It Forward Soup Luncheon Intergenerational Worship with guest musician Reuben St. Louis (from our pandemic church services!) Soup luncheon led by our youth and families to follow. All proceeds going to the Rodney Outreach Fund.



Three of a Kind Show! Posters for the “Three of a Kind” concert (as well as tickets) are available at the Kirkin’ Luncheon today. If you can help by posting a notice in your apartment building, or grocery store or somewhere where others will see it, your help will be much appreciated. (Word of mouth is by far our most valuable advertising.)
Reminder, the concert is Friday, February 23 @ 7:00 pm at Knox. Tickets are \$35 for adults, in advance, and \$25 for students. Tickets can be purchased on the church website www.knoxstthomas.ca under “events” or through Donna Ellis.

This Week at Knox

Today	10:45 am	Sunday Kool and Nursery
Today	11:30 am	Robbie Burns Luncheon (Rodney Hall)
Monday	6:30 pm	Embers (CE Hall)
Tuesday	9am -2:30pm	Church Library is Open
Tuesday	9:00 am	Golden K (Rodney Hall)
Tuesday	1:00 pm	Welcome Committee (Rodney Hall)
Tuesday	3:00 pm	Knox leads worship at Talbot Manor
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Girl Guides (CE Hall)
Wednesday	9:30 am	Indoor Playground (CE Hall)
Wednesday	10:30 am	Zoom Bible Study (contact Mavis for the link)
Wednesday	1:00 pm	Nominating Committee (Minister’s study)
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Scouts (CE Hall)
Thursday	1:00 pm	Knox Knits (CE Hall)
Thursday	3:00 pm	Knox leads worship at Metcalfe Gardens
Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir (Sanctuary)
Thursday	7:30 pm	The Winner’s Circle (CE Hall)
Saturday	1:00 pm	Private Function (Rodney Hall)
Friday – Sunday		Knox Women’s Retreat
Sunday	9:30-10:30am	Church Library s Open
Sunday	10:30 am	Worship
Sunday	11:30 am	Coffee Break (Rodney Hall)

Next Sunday January 28th
Ushers Organized by: Knox Choir
Coffee Break Hosted by: Jan and Brock Barrett’s Team
Security Person is: Frank Williamson

An Update from the Knox Board and Session



The Knox Session meets on the first Wednesday of every month. The Session is the overseeing governing body of the church. The Board of Managers reports to the Session and takes particular care to ensure our building is in good repair and our finances are in good order. The Board and Session are grateful to the many people who donated of their time, treasure and talent in the past year. We are currently reviewing our financial statements. An annual report is being prepared and will be shared with the entire congregation in February, including our recommended budget for 2024. These will be discussed at our annual congregational meeting. It is anticipated that the annual meeting will take place on a Sunday in early March. *The congregation will be notified as soon as the date is confirmed! Thanks is extended to Presbyterian Women who donated \$9000 from Bazaar Proceeds to go toward the accessibility project for the church office. This money is being held in trust and initial consultations are already underway.

Did you know ... for years, many people donated to the church through designated offering envelopes? While we still use offering envelopes at Knox, we also recognize that some people find it easy to give through Canada Helps (through our church website), through e-transfer to the church office, or through PAR (pre-authorized remittance). Want to know more about PAR? See below!

What is PAR? (No, we're not talking about golf 😊)

Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) enables you to give your offering intentionally, proportionally and faithfully all year long through an automatic monthly withdrawal from your bank account. Using PAR provides your congregation with financial stability, helping them focus on sharing the love of Christ. If you would like to make monthly offerings to your congregation through PAR, obtain an authorization form from the church office, and drop it off at the church with a void cheque. Withdrawals from your bank account will occur on the 20th of each month. Donation cards can be placed on the offering plate each week.



Mark your calendars! The next Knox Talks newsletter will be produce in mid February. The deadline for newsletter submissions is January 31st.