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

**Prelude** March P. Tchaikovsky

**Welcome and Announcements** 

**Call to Worship** 

\*Hymn 497 Word of God Across the Ages

A Time of Confession Lenten Candle Liturgy Alison Fordham & Liam McInnis

Reader 1: Today is the fourth Sunday of the season of Lent. As a community of faith, we have been travelling together through story, song and prayer.

Reader 2: In scripture and in our own personal experiences of faith, we have witnessed God's profound love made known to the world.

ALL: In Jesus, God's love lights the way for those who choose to follow.

Reader 1: But we do not always choose the way of Christ.

Reader 2: As we extinguish the fourth Lenten candle, we lament the ways in which we sometimes lose sight of the light of Christ and harden our hearts to the needs of others.

## ALL: We confess that in thinking only of ourselves, the world does not see Christ in us.

(Extinguish the fourth candle.)

Reader 1: As we watch the smoke rise, we remember that God's Spirit is with us in mysterious and visible ways.

Reader 2: We are reminded that despite our failings, we are forgiven and offered new beginnings.

ALL: We commit ourselves again to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, and to seek to be lights in the world.

Reader 1: We are reminded of God's word to us as we sing together.

SUNG RESPONSE: Be not afraid, I go before you always

Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.

\*Youth Hymn printed You are my All in All

#### **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

#### Children's Time

(repeat the youth hymn as children are dismissed to Sunday Kool and Nursery.)

Scripture Mark 1:16-20

Anthem Thou Art the Christ, O Lord S. Curry

Message Lent 4 - The Walk Rev. Mavis Currie

#### WE RESPOND IN FAITH AND SERVICE

Offering and Offertory Prelude op. 18

F. Chopin

\*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 699 All the Way My Saviour Leads Me

\*Benediction

Postlude Prelude op. 45 F. Chopin

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**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. Please join us following worship for coffee time. Today is our annual congregational meeting. Everyone is invited to stay for this short meeting, as we review the past year at Knox and approve our budget for the year ahead. **Thanks** to Pastoral Care for providing ushers for today's service, to Jack McBride who is on security, and to Ron and Pam Smith's Team for hosting coffee break.

Every Sunday, our service is livestreamed and also filmed for broadcasting on Rogers. Today's online service is sponsored by Bill and Maggie Horn, in loving memory of Maggie's son, Michael. Michael passed away on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

#### **Staff Emails**

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**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!

**Scent Alert!** Please avoid wearing perfumes or colognes to church. There are several in our congregation who have severe allergies. Thank you for helping to make our sanctuary safe for all to worship.

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Lent 4 March 10th, 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**

Every Wednesday evening in Lent 7pm - 8pm GROW - An hour to learn together about ways that we can grow faith, peace, and grace in our lives. This is a zoom study with leadership offered from across the presbytery. Contact Rev. Mavis Currie at m.currie@knoxstthomas.ca for the link. This week's topic: Community – led by Rev. Mavis Currie.

Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup> 9am - 11:30am Rummage Sale (Rummage can be brought in from Monday March 18th – Friday March 22nd and placed in the "spare room" BESIDE the nursery off of the CE Hall).

## Holy Week at Knox

Palm Sunday Worship March 24th 10:30am, featuring the Palm Sunday Parade with the children, and the Knox Choir singing "Hosanna" from Jesus Christ Superstar.

Maundy Thursday Dinner and Worship Service - Thursday March 28th 5:15pm catered dinner (Shepherd's Pie, salad, dessert) - \$25/person



\*\*Please note: You must pre-register for the meal by Sunday March 24th. Please email Rev. Mavis Currie at m.currie@knoxstthomas.ca or call the church to reserve your spot.\*\* Worship Service to follow at 6:30pm.

## Good Friday Worship - Friday March 29th 10:30am

A traditional service of lessons and music where we will recall the story of the Crucifixion. Special Music by the Knox choir, and guest cellist. Sunday Kool and Nursery will be offered for children.

Good Friday Concert by Choral Connections – Friday March 29th at 7:30pm Mozart's Mass in C Minor. \$38/person Tickets available at www.choralconnection.ca or by calling 519-661-6902.

Easter Sunday – Sunday March 31<sup>st</sup> 10:30am with Choir, Trumpet, Organ and an Easter Eggstravaganza egg hunt during Sunday Kool time for the kids!



July 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> – 9am - noon Under the Sea Vacation Bible School \$10/person or \$15/family for the whole week! For kids who have completed JK – Grade 5. Spread the news!

This Week at Knox						
Today	10:45 am	Sunday Kool and Nursery				
Today	11:30 am	Coffee Break, Annual Meeting (R.Hall)				
Today	11:30 am	Knox Jr. Choir practice (chapel) see below.				
Monday	6:30 pm	Embers (CE Hall)				
Tuesday	9:00 am	Golden K (Rodney Hall)				
Tuesday	9:00 am	Sew-It-Seams (CE Hall)				
Tuesday	9am -2:30pm	Church Library is closed – due to illness!				
Tuesday	1:00 pm	Knox Presbyterian Women-group reps. (CE Hall)				
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Girl Guides (CE Hall)				
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Presbytery of London (Zoom)				
Wednesday	9:30 am	Indoor Playground (CE Hall)				
Wednesday	10:30 am	Zoom Bible Study (contact Mavis for the link)				
Wednesday	1:00 pm	Outreach Circle (Lunch: C. Cornwall & D.				
		LeCourtois)				
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Scouts (CE Hall)				
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Zoom Lenten Study "Grow"				
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Christian Ed (Zoom)				
Thursday	10:00 am	Organ and Music (Zoom)				
Thursday	11:00 am	Bookworms - CANCELLED FOR THIS MONTH!				
Thursday	1:00 pm	Knox Knits (Library)				
Thursday	1:30 pm	Book Club (Zoom – "Mr. Churchill's Secretary")				
Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir (Sanctuary)				
Thursday	7:00 pm	St. Thomas University Women (Rodney Hall)				
Thursday	7:30 pm	The Winner's Circle (CE Hall)				
Friday	6:00 pm	Knox Rocks (whole church)				
Saturday	3:00 pm	Choral Connection practice (Sanctuary)				
Sunday	9:30-10:30am	Church Library is Open				
Sunday	10:30 am	Lent 5 Worship				
Sunday	11:30 am	Coffee break (Rodney Hall.)				
Next Sunday March 17th						

Ushers Organized by: Christian Education

Coffee Break Hosted by: Wendy Thomson and Marg Metcalf

Security Person is: Tom Jackson

Knox Jr. Choir Practices at 11:30am in the Chapel for 15 minutes. All children are welcome. You don't need to read words or music. Just come and have fun singing! See Pat Meathrell for more information.

### **KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

#### Easter Flowers (6 inch pots of tulips or daffodils)

#### **ORDER FORM**

My/Our Name isPhone						
I/We would like to order pot(s) of Easter Memorial Flowers						
@ \$10.00 each in memory of						
My payment of \$ is attached						
(signed)						
Note: the last day to order is Sunday March 17th, 2024.						
I will be taking my flowers home after Easter Sunday service □						
I will pick my flowers up by Wednesday April 2nd, 2024						
I would like to donate my flowers to a shut in.						

A Reminder from the Library Bookworms! When taking out a book from the



Library, please sign out the book(s) using the Red Binder. Instructions and a calendar are mounted on the cabinet walls. Also, when returning a book, please sign it back in, using the Red Binder, and put the book(s) in the RED CONTAINER marked, RETURN BOOKS HERE. Please do **not** refile or leave them

loosely on the counter tops.

Book Donations will be accepted from **March 3-17 inclusive.** All books must be Christian based. Please no DVD's, CD's or cassettes. Any books that are not kept by the Library will be put up for the sale at the upcoming Rummage Sale.



Remembrance Day Project For 2024 and 2025, the Archives Committee proposes that our Remembrance Day project be called 'The Congregation recognizes its own in World War 2.' We

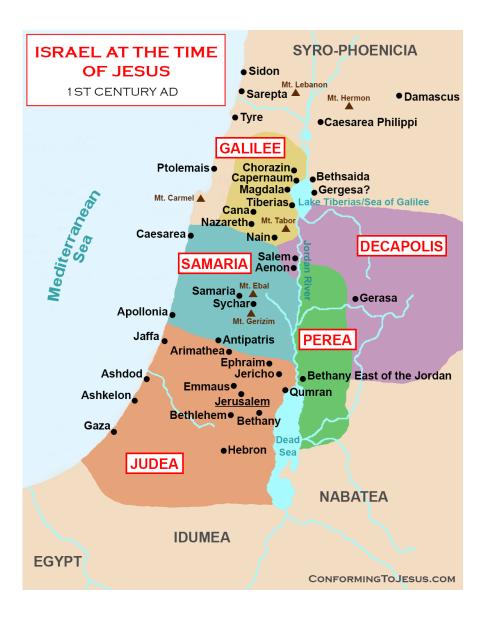
know that during the Second World War, many church families and individuals were involved either in active service, or on the Home Front. The Committee invites members and friends of Knox to recognize the contributions to the war effort made by these individuals on both sides. In a few weeks, a questionnaire will be found in the bulletin to assist us in gathering information related to World War 2. It is hoped that this information would be compiled into a booklet and shared. The Committee believe that this is an important aspect of the congregation's history that needs to be remembered, celebrated and kept. So, please start thinking how did World War 2 touch you and your family?

## An invitation from Knox Church, Fingal!

Representatives of Knox College are coming to speak to our Presbytery on Saturday March 16, 7 pm, at Fingal Presbyterian Church. They will be speaking of the opportunities available in their new program on Lifelong Learning. Of special interest is their programs to help lay people preach and lead worship, something that our rural churches need. Refreshments to be served. RSVP to <a href="mailto:gordbrown48@rogers.com">gordbrown48@rogers.com</a>

## **Knox Expense Forms**

We are implementing a "form" system for expenses and funds raised. All receipts turned in the to the office must be accompanied by a completed form.



#### **Questions for Reflection**

1.	When you listen to today's passage, what words jump out at you? What questions do you have?
2.	What does it say about Jesus that he didn't stay in one place for long?
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3.	Where do you walk everyday? Who are the people you see? Where do you see Christ in these walks?
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4.	Why do you think this story of Jesus was kept and passed along for generations? How does it apply to your life today?