

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

Prelude April P. Tchaikovsky
Welcome and Announcements
Call to Worship
***Hymn** 674 In the Bulb There is a Flower
Opening Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer (trespasses)
Words of Assurance

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

***Youth Hymn** 260 Alleluia, Alleluia Give thanks to the Risen Lord
Children’s Time
(Sing the last verse of the youth hymn as children are dismissed to Sunday Kool and Nursery.)

Responsive Reading Psalm 150 Lynn McCandless
Halleluiah! Praise God in the sanctuary;
Praise God in the mighty heavens.
Praise God for his acts of power;
Praise God for his surpassing greatness.
Praise God with the sounding of the trumpet,
Praise God with the harp and lyre,
Praise God with timbrel and dancing,
Praise God with the strings and pipe,
Praise God with the clash of cymbals,
Praise God with resounding cymbals.
Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.
Halleluiah!

Scripture Matthew 28:16-20
Anthem Flying Free D. Besig
Message Who gets the Microphone? Rev. Mavis Currie

WE RESPOND IN FAITH AND SERVICE

Offering and Offertory Poetic Tone Pictures No. 5 E. Grieg
***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** printed We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection
***Benediction**
Postlude Morning Mood E. Grieg

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 Breakfast Team 2 for providing ushers for today’s service, to Ed Ellis who is on security, and to the Brockington Team for hosting coffee break.

We are grateful to Pete Taylor for sponsoring today’s online service in memory of his beloved wife, Mary. Mary passed away suddenly in April of 2021.

Reflection Questions for Today’s Service

1. What words jump out at you as the scripture is read?
2. If there was a chapter 29 in Matthew’s gospel, what would the story be?
3. Who do you “give the microphone to” in your life?
4. How would your life be different, if you were more aware that Jesus was with you always?

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

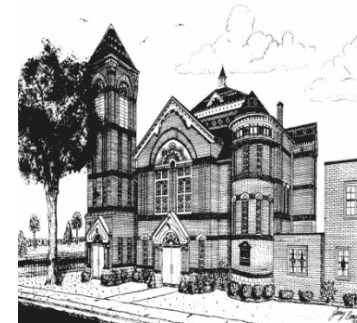
The Nursery? The Nursery is located in the Christian Education Hall (the building adjacent to the main sanctuary). Go to the rear parking lot entrance. The nursery is located just off the large hallway that is off of this entrance.

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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Founded in 1837

April 21st, 2024.
10:30 am

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.

NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS



Thursday May 2nd 5:30 pm March April Birthday Dinner! Is your birthday in March or April? Please pre-register by contacting Rev. Mavis Currie, by phone or email. We are still deciding on the restaurant.



July 22nd – 26th – 9 am - noon “Under the Sea” Vacation Bible School

\$10/person or \$15/family for the whole week!
For kids who have completed JK – Grade 5.

From the Presbytery of London....

Saturday, May 4th 9am – 12noon Chalmers Presbyterian Church, 342 Pond Mills Road, London. – Plant, Bake and Yard Sale!

Saturday, May 11th Speaker and author Brian McLaren is at Wesley Knox United Church in London. For more information, please visit: www.wesleyknox.com



Remember... nobody's perfect!

THIS WEEK AT KNOX

Today	10:45 am	Sunday Kool and Nursery
Today	11:30 am	Coffee Break
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	9:00 am	Archives (Library)
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	NO ZOOM BIBLE CLASS TODAY!
Wednesday	1:00 pm	Foodgrains Meeting (Rodney Hall)
Wednesday	1:30 pm	Library Café (Library)
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Scouts (CE Hall)
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Session (Rodney Hall)
Thursday	1:00 pm	Knox Knits (Library)
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	1:30 pm	El Sistema Concert
		(see announcement under Knox News!)
Sunday	10:30 am	Mission Awareness Sunday,
		Sunday Kool & Nursery
Sunday	11:30 am	Coffee break (Rodney Hall)

Next Sunday is... Mission Awareness Sunday with guest speaker Cathy Reid. We will raise funds with a special coffee break organized by the Knox Presbyterian Women. Proceeds from the coffee break will go the Malawi Mission fund rebuild lives and houses in Chipagala following the devastation caused by cyclone Freddy.

Reminder! Bring a book to church next week – you can find more information under “Knox News” in this bulletin.

Next Sunday, April 28th

Ushers Organized by: Knox Presbyterian Women
Coffee Break Hosted by: Knox Presbyterian Women
Security Person is: Dave Hawn

KNOX NEWS!

New Knox Photo Directory

Have you ever recognized people at church but couldn't put a name to a face? Since our last photo directory was published over 5 years ago, a lot has changed. Starting this summer, on August 21st and 22nd, the Knox Welcome Committee will begin photography sessions for the new photo directory. We hope we can count you in! Watch for more information regarding scheduling in the coming weeks!

Rodney Scholarships! Are you planning to attend post-secondary education in the fall of 2024? Are you a member or active adherent of Knox Church? You can apply for a Rodney Scholarship. Applications are now open. The forms are available through the church office. All applications are due by May 31st.

Knox Presbyterian Book Drive Sunday, April 28th Early reading opens up children's minds to the world around them, encourages them to explore new goals and reach their full scholastic potential. The Kiwanis Club of St. Thomas Golden K and "Investing in Children" have formed a partnership to improve the reading skills of children from infancy to young adulthood in the St. Thomas-Elgin area. In this program, new and gently used books will be offered to children in "Blue Boxes for Books" set up in numerous locations throughout St. Thomas-Elgin. Many children in this area do not have books in their homes that they can call their own and "Blue Boxes for Books" allows children to take a book, read the book and keep the book for their very own if they wish.

A vital part of this program is the collection of gently used children's books to be vetted, cleaned and recycled into the Blue Boxes. The Kiwanis Golden K Club is inviting Knox members to participate in the **Book Drive next Sunday on April 28th** by donating used children's books (baby to young adult) or new books. Containers for collecting books will be in the front and rear entrances or if you forget, collection boxes will be inside the front office door during the rest of the week.

By contributing your books to this program you are giving families and children in our area an opportunity to develop strong literacy skills and capabilities that last a life-time. The children thank you for your assistance.

PLEASE NOTE THAT REV. MAVIS CURRIE WILL BE ATTENDING MEETINGS IN TORONTO ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY THIS WEEK.

You are invited....



to a fun, hour-long Saturday afternoon concert for the young and young at heart featuring musicians from El Sistema Aeolian in London and Knox Presbyterian Church in St. Thomas! The event is a pay-what-you-can donation, with all proceeds going to El Sistema Aeolian.

What is El Sistema? El Sistema Aeolian is a free, intensive after-school music program based on a program founded in Venezuela in 1975. Each El Sistema program is free to adapt its delivery in a way that is unique to its community, resources, and participants. The initiative has grown to include programs in over 80 countries and has won TED, UNESCO, and Glenn Gould Awards.

When did it come to the London area? The Aeolian Hall Musical Arts Association launched El Sistema Aeolian in November of 2011, serving 20 children in the pilot project, which has grown to 130 spots offered during the 2022-2023 academic year. The goal of El Sistema Aeolian is to hold the tension between musical and social outcomes. There is a social curriculum, leadership class, and students do mindfulness training at The Indonesian Gamelan. A food program offers participants regular nourishment and opportunities to broaden their culinary experience. Participants perform regularly with artists presented on the Aeolian stage including names like The Canadian Brass, Royal Wood, Valdy, Ashley McIsaac, Matt Alber, and Ty Herndon.

What will the concert feature? The program is approximately one hour long. It features Knox's own Shantanu Thaivalappil singing "Peter and the Wolf", El Sistema Aeolian's Director Darren Sigesmund playing jazz on the piano, and youth from EL Sistema Aeolian in the ESA Woodwind trio playing "The Queen's Farewell" and "The Flower Duet".