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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!

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# Knox Presbyterian Church 55 Hincks Street, St. Thomas, Ontario N5R 3N9



Founded in 1837

### December 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.

Enter to Worship



# Leave to Serve

#### **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

Please support the search for our new minister by filling the front pews!

Prelude Weihnachtsbaum F. Liszt

**Welcome and Announcements** 

Special Music Light One Candle Children's Choir Call to Worship Lighting of the Candle of Hope

**Hymn\*** 146 Angels from the Realms of Glory

**Opening Prayer** 

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD** 

Youth Hymn\* 119 Hope is a Star *v1*Children's Time Fresh New Pencils

(sing the first verse of the youth hymn as the children are dismissed to Sunday Kool/Nursery)

**Responsive Reading** Profession of Faith Jean Macpherson

In whom do you believe?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Who is Jesus to you?

I believe in Jesus Christ, who is 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.

What is your source of hope for the world?

It is this: That on the third day, Jesus 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.

How are you empowered to live out this faith?

We 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.

ScriptureJeremiah 33:12-16AnthemBring a TorchJ. Rutter

Message

Re-shaping Ourselves Rev. D. Kerrigan

#### WE RESPOND IN FAITH AND SERVICE

Offering and Offertory

Because

Shantanu Thaivalappil

F. Liszt

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. Yet what I can I give Him, I shall give my heart.

**Prayer of Dedication** 

Communion Hymn\*

159

Oh Come All Ye Faithful v 1-2

(Elders come forward during verse 2)

**Invitation to the Table** 

The Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

The Sacrament of Communion Distribution of Bread and Wine Readings from God's Word

Special Music Mary Did You Know Mary Ann McVicar

**Post Communion Prayer** 

**Hymn\*** 159 Oh Come All Ye Faithful *v 3-4* 

Benediction\*

**Postlude** Weihnachtsbaum

**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 Session for providing ushers for today's service, to Robert Langlois who is on security, and to the Barrett Team for hosting coffee break.

**Committee Conveners!** Please send in your budget requests to the church office by Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024.

**Elders!** Your district newsletters & Christmas letters are available to be picked up in the alcove in Rodney Hall today.

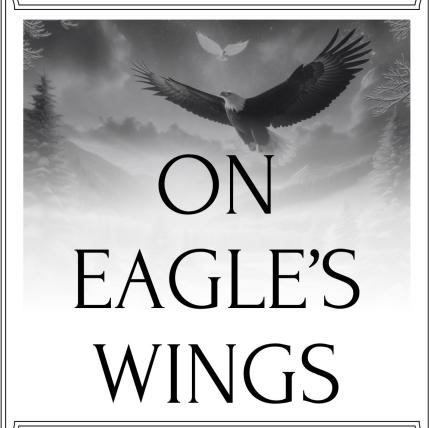
What is Par? Pre - Authorized Remittance enables you to make your donation through an automatic monthly withdrawal from your bank account. If you would like to use PAR, contact Kathy at office@knoxstthomas.ca for the form.

KNOX ST THOMAS 55 HINCKS ST

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# A TIME TO REMEMBER

7 PM



A COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR THOSE WHO ARE EXPERIENCING LOSS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH VON BEREAVEMENT SERVICES AND WILLAMS FUNERAL HOME

## THIS WEEK AT KNOX

|                                       | Sunday Dec 1 <sup>st</sup> | to Dec 8 <sup>th</sup> , | 2024  |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---|
|                                       | Today                      | 11:30 am                 | Coffee Break (Rodney Hall)                        |
|                                       | Today                      | 11:30 am                 | Kirkin' Committee (Fellowship Room)               |
|                                       | 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                    | 9:30 am                  | Archives (Library)                                |
|                                       | Tuesday                    | 6:00 pm                  | Girl Guides (CE Hall)                             |
|                                       | Tuesday                    | 7:00 pm                  | A Time to Remember (Sanctuary)                    |
|                                       | Wednesday                  | 9:30 am                  | Indoor Playground (CE Hall)                       |
|                                       | Wednesday                  | 10:30 am                 | Bible Study (Library)                             |
|                                       | Wednesday                  | 1:00 pm                  | Outreach Circle Cookie Tin Filling (RH & Kitchen) |
|                                       | Wednesday                  | 6:30 pm                  | Scouts (CE Hall)                                  |
|                                       | Thursday                   | 9:00 am                  | Pastoral Care Poinsettia Delivery (CE Hall)       |
|                                       | Thursday                   | 10:15 am                 | Rodney Outreach (Fellowship Room)                 |
|                                       | Thursday                   | 1:00 pm                  | Worship Committee (Library)                       |
|                                       | Thursday                   | 1:00 pm                  | Knox Knits (CE Hall)                              |
|                                       | Thursday                   | 7:00 pm                  | Choir (Sanctuary)                                 |
|                                       | Thursday                   | 7:30 pm                  | The Winner's Circle (CE Hall)                     |
|                                       | Friday                     | 2:45 pm                  | Railway Wind Ensemble Set Up (Sanctuary)          |
|                                       | Friday                     | 5:30 pm                  | Board/Session Christmas Dinner (Wayside)          |
|                                       | Friday                     | 7:30 pm                  | Choral Connection Rehearsal (Sanctuary)           |
|                                       | Saturday                   | 2:00 pm                  | Railway Wind Ensemble Concert (Sanctuary)         |
|                                       | Sunday                     | 10:30 am                 | Morning Worship                                   |
|                                       | Sunday                     | 10:45 am                 | Sunday Kool & Nursery                             |
|                                       | Sunday                     | 11:30 am                 | Coffee Break                                      |
| Next Sunday, December 8 <sup>th</sup> |                            |                          |   |
| Ushers organized by                   |                            | •                        | Worship Committee                                 |
| Coffee Break is organized by          |                            |                          |   |
|                                       | Security person i          | S                        | Don Leitch  |
|                                       |                            |                          |   |

If anyone has any gently used stuffed animals Pat Palmer would appreciate receiving them to be given to children at **The Christmas Shoppe**. There will be a note in the front entranceway where they can be left.

The Outreach Group would appreciate the donation of cookie tins. These will be used to deliver Christmas treats to some of our Knox people. The deadline for these donations is today. For more information please contact Janice Todd.

#### KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 2024 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. After the service on Christmas Eve is the last day to pick up your poinsettias. Remaining poinsettias will be distributed to retirement & nursing homes.

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| PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!!  |   |  |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|--|
| My/Our Name is  | Phone                                     |  |  |  |
| I/We would like to order  | _ Poinsettias @ \$11.00 each in memory of |  |  |  |
|   |   |  |  |  |
| I will pick up my poinsettia after the 8pm service on December 24 <sup>th</sup> |   |  |  |  |
| I would like my poinsettia gifted to someone in the congregation/community      |   |  |  |  |
| My payment of \$ is attac   | ched(signed)                              |  |  |  |
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Note: The last day to order is Monday, December 9th, 2024.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS!**

#### Today, December 1st 7:00 pm,

Our very own Knox Choir will performing Philip Stopford's Lulay My Liking at First United Church in St. Thomas as part of their Festival of Lessons and Carols concert. Admission is by freewill donation.

#### Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> 7:00 pm

A Time to Remember Service. A quiet and thoughtful service of remembrance for people who are experiencing loss and sadness this holiday season. In partnership with VON and Williams funeral home. There will be fellowship and refreshments to following the service in Rodney Hall.

#### Friday, December 6th 5:30 pm

Board & Session Christmas Dinner at the Wayside Restaurant.



#### Saturday, December 7th 2:00 pm

Railway City Wind Ensemble at Knox Church, St. Thomas conducted by Richard Frank. Tickets: \$10 each can be purchased at the door or in advance from a bank member. Free for elementary students.

#### Saturday, December 21st 7:30 pm

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.

