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**Church office hours** Monday to Thursday 9am – 1pm

(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?**

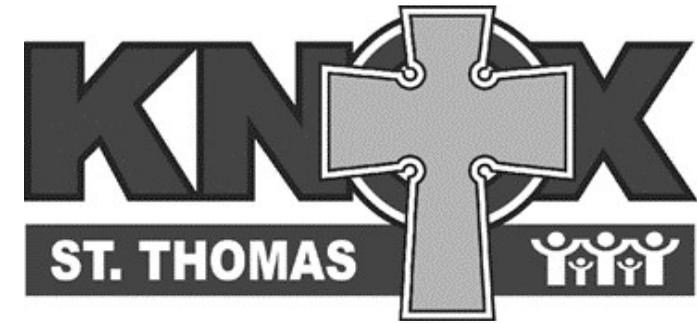
They are located at every entrance to the sanctuary in the narthex. Ask an usher, if you don't see one!

**The Nursery?**

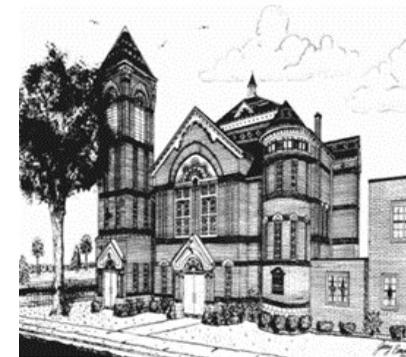
The Nursery is located in the Christian Education Hall (the building adjacent to the main sanctuary). Go to the rear parking lot entrance. The nursery is located just off the large hallway that is off of this entrance.

**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

**Lent 3**  
**March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**  
**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

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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

**Prelude** Piano Trio No. 1 *F. Mendelssohn*  
**Welcome and Announcements**  
**Call to Worship**  
**Hymn\*** 27 As the Deer  
**Opening Prayer and the Lord's Prayer** (*trespasses*)

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

**Youth Hymn\*** 671 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say  
**Children's Time**  
*(sing the last verse of the youth hymn as the children are dismissed)*  
**Responsive Reading** Psalm 63:1-8 Mary Ellen Bolt

God, You are my God; I eagerly seek You. I thirst for You; my body faints for You in a land that is dry, desolate, and without water.

**So I gaze on You in the sanctuary to see Your strength and Your glory.**

My lips will glorify You because Your faithful love is better than life.

**So I will praise You as long as I live; at Your name, I will lift up my hands.**

You satisfy me as with rich food; my mouth will praise You with joyful lips.

**When, on my bed, I think of You, I meditate on You during the night watches**

Because You are my help; I will rejoice in the shadow of Your wings.

**I follow close to You; Your right hand holds on to me.**

**Scripture** Luke 13:1-9  
**Anthem** Known to You *W. and D. Catherwood*  
**Message** God of Second Chances *Rev. Dolbear-Van Bilsen*

## WE RESPOND IN FAITH AND SERVICE

**Offering and Offertory** Sweet Chariot Shantanu Thaivalappil  
**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!*

# Leave to Serve

## Prayers of Dedication

## Prayers of the People

**Hymn\*** 651 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

## Benediction\*

**Postlude** March *P. I. Tchaikovsky*

*If you leave during the postlude, please do so quietly.*

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**Welcome to worship!** Whether you are a long-time member or new to our congregation, we hope you feel welcomed and at home today. 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 Sew-It-Seams & Crafters for providing ushers for today's service, to Desmond Chui who is on security, and to the Pease/Meathrell team for hosting coffee break.

**The Church Session** has decided to strengthen the Knox security protocol by ensuring that the church doors are kept locked at all times. On weekdays and Saturdays, the Mitchell Street door will be the only point of entry twenty minutes prior to the start of meetings and the door must be locked before the meeting begins. On Sundays, the choir will open the Mitchell Street door before 9:00 am and relock it at 9:30 am before the choir practice begins. Entry for the morning service will be by the front door and the east (parking lot) door only.



**Bookworms** - In our endeavour to get foot traffic into the Library, we are taking small steps. Every two weeks a selection of books, will be pulled and made available in Rodney Hall during coffee time for signing out. In addition, a cross section of books will be highlighted that we hope you will read and enjoy. We will be adding books to the Library and evaluating the shelf life of some others in order to serve you better. We welcome your input and thoughts.

**Our annual women's retreat** is now fully booked! We are looking forward to travelling to Camp Kintail to enjoy a restful weekend of fellowship and faith. The retreat starts at 7pm on April 4<sup>th</sup> and concludes at 1pm on April 6<sup>th</sup>. Please speak to Meghan if you need a ride to the event.

**Thank you from Knox Presbyterian Women** to all those that donated, unpacked, displayed, purchased, counted money, repacked and delivered to homes or second hand stores in the area for the annual rummage sale. All the many hands and helpers make it possible. Thank you one and all!

**Today, after many hours with their scissors**, sewing machines and the iron Sew It Seams members are presenting the completed Hygiene Kits to Cathy Reid of New St. James Presbyterian Church in London. Cathy will be going with a Group to Malawi in May and will take these kits. A special thank you to the Congregation of Knox for their support of this project.

**Upcoming Events!**

**Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm** Knox Rocks for kids grades 4 – 8.

**Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am - 10:00 am** Knox Breakfast in Rodney Hall. \$2 per person or \$5 per family for pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice, coffee, tea & more.

**Friday April 18<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am** Good Friday worship service in the Sanctuary.

**Friday April 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm** Choral Connection Bach's Mass in B Minor in our Knox Sanctuary. General Admission is \$38 for adults and \$25 for children 12 and under. Ticket can be purchased online at [www.choralconnection.ca](http://www.choralconnection.ca) or contact Heather at 519-633-7288.

**Sunday April 20<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am** Easter Sunday worship service in the Sanctuary.

**Friday April 25<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm** Knox Rocks for kids grades 4 – 8.

**Sunday April 27<sup>th</sup>** Mission Awareness Sunday and Foodbank Sunday.

**THIS WEEK AT KNOX**

**Sunday Mar 23<sup>rd</sup>, to Mar 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Today	11:30 am	Coffee Break (Rodney Hall)
Today	11:45 am	Knox's Annual General Meeting (Rodney Hall)
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	6:00 pm	Girl Guides (CE Hall)
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Christian Education Committee (Zoom)
Wednesday	9:30 am	Indoor Playground (CE Hall)
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Scouts (CE Hall)
Thursday	1:00 pm	Knox Knits (CE Hall)
Thursday	2:00 pm	Foodgrains Committee (Lib)
Thursday	3:00 pm	Knox leads service at Metcalfe Gardens
Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir (Sanctuary)
Thursday	7:30 pm	The Winner's Circle (CE Hall)
Friday	6:00 pm	Knox Rocks (Building)
Saturday	3:00 pm	Choral Connection (Sanctuary)
Sunday	10:30 am	Morning Worship – Lent 4 (Sanctuary)

**Next Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

Ushers organized by	Worship/Sunday Kool
Coffee Break is organized by	Brown Team
Foodbank	Cereal
Security person is	Jack McBride