

Staff Emails

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www.knoxstthomas.ca

Church office hours

Monday to Thursday 9am – 1pm

Looking for...

Worship Bags for children aged 0-1, 2-3 and 4-6 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 at the foyer & Mitchell St. entrance.

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.

Connections?

Please visit our website or like us on Facebook and Instagram!

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 ST THOMAS ONTARIO 55 HINCKS ST



Peace

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 7TH, 2025
10:30 AM

ENTER TO WORSHIP

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude	Lulajże Jezuniu	<i>Polish Traditional</i>
Welcome and Announcements		
Call to Worship	Kathleen Gingrich, Rebecca & Matthew	
In a world that seems so bitterly divided, we gather to embrace the gift of peace.		
We come with hearts open to reconciliation and understanding.		
And so, we light the second candle of Advent, a symbol of God's peace in a troubled world. (Light the candle of peace)		
Hymn*	126	On Jordan's bank
Opening Prayer		

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Youth Hymn*	119	Hope is a Star v2
Children’s Time		
(sing the second verse of the youth hymn as the children are dismissed)		
Responsive Reading: Our 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.

LEAVE TO SERVE

Scripture	Matthew 3:1-12	
Anthem	Mary Did You Know?	J. Schrader
Message	Heaven comes near	Rev. Donna

WE RESPOND IN FAITH AND SERVICE

Offering and Offertory	Midnight Clear	Mary Ann McVicar
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.	
Prayers of Dedication		
Communion Hymn*	159	Oh Come All Ye Faithful v1,2
Invitation to the Table		
The Lord’s Prayer		(trespasses)
Sacrament of Holy Communion		
Distribution of Bread and Wine		
Readings from God’s Word		
Special Music	Town of Bethlehem	Mary Ann McVicar
Prayer after Communion	Holy God, we give thanks for your faithfulness, and the saving work of Jesus, remembered in this simple meal. As we begin a new year of grace, we resolve to obey his commandment: to love one another as he loved us. May the faith that we speak keep us hopeful in the future. For your love can never fail. Amen	
Hymn*	159	Oh Come All Ye Faithful v3,4
Benediction*		
Postlude	Noël nouvelet	French Traditional

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 the Session for providing ushers for today’s service, to Len Palmer who is on security, and to the Barrett team for hosting coffee break.

Today’s online service is sponsored by Deb Cooper and Karen Martin in loving memory of Karen’s father, Bruce Martin.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, December 10th noon - 1 pm Advent Organ Concert Series featuring Ryan Baxter & Jingquan Xie. Admission is \$10.00 per person at the door and includes a lunch of a sandwich and tea or coffee after the concert.

Sunday, December 14th 10:30 am Pageant Sunday! Please join us for Christmas in July: A Camp Kintail Story.

Saturday, December 20th 7:30 pm Choral Connection presents Handel’s Messiah. General admission is \$38. Children 12 and under \$25. Tickets can be purchased online at www.choralconnection.ca or by phone at 519-633-7288.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the date! Robbie Burns Soup Luncheon on Sunday January 25th after the service in Rodney Hall. Join us for haggis, lunch and a poem! Donations for the Kirkin’ fund gratefully accepted.

Reminder to the Outreach Circle ladies that we'll be gathering cookies at our meeting on Wednesday, December 10th at 1 pm. This marks another year of giving. Please bring two dozen cookies, either home-baked or store-bought, to fill all our cookie tins for the housebound folks at Christmas time.

Donations of new or gently used items for our Knox Children’s Christmas Market are needed. These items are for the children to pick Christmas gifts for their parents, sibling and grandparents. Items for all ages are appreciated!

THIS WEEK AT KNOX

Sunday Dec 7th to Dec 14th

Today	11:30 am	Coffee Break (Rodney Hall)
Today	11:30 am	Kirkin’ Committee Meeting (Fellowship Room)
Monday	9:00 am	Pastoral Care Poinsettia Delivery (FR)
Monday	6:30 pm	Embers (CE Hall)
Tuesday	9:00 am	Golden K (Rodney Hall)
Tuesday	1:00 pm	Knox Presbyterian Women (Library)
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Girl Guides (CE Hall)
Wednesday	9:30 am	Indoor Playground (CE Hall)
Wednesday	10:30 am	Bible Study (Library)
Wednesday	12:00 pm	Advent Organ Concert Series (Sanctuary & RH)
Wednesday	1:00 pm	Outreach Circle (CE Hall)
Wednesday	7:00 pm	CE Committee (Zoom)
Thursday	9:30 am	Crafters (CE Hall)
Thursday	1:00 pm	Knox Knits (Pinecroft Restaurant)
Thursday	1:30 pm	Book Club (Offsite)
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)
Saturday	10:00 am	Pageant Practice (Sanctuary)
Saturday	12:00 pm	CE Pizza Party (CE Hall)
Saturday	3:00 pm	Choral Connection (Sanctuary)
Sunday	10:30 am	Morning Worship (Sanctuary)

Next Sunday, December 14th

Ushers organized by	Choir
Coffee Break	Meathrell/Pease Team
Security person is	Don Leitch



KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
2025 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.

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 24th ☐

I would like my poinsettia gifted to someone in the congregation/community ☐

My payment of \$_____ is attached _____
(signed)

Note: The last day to order is Monday, December 12th, 2025.



THINK ABOUT TRUEARTH

Did you know that Knox St. Thomas, participates in a fund-raising program that sees 20% of all product sales of TruEarth products come back to Knox Presbyterian Women to support their ongoing work?

TruEarth is a Canadian company founded by three young Dads, who thought there had to be a way to deal with laundry and household cleaning products that was better for the environment and for their families. They got together and “TruEarth” was born.

“TruEarth makes a laundry detergent that is good for your skin and good for the environment. If you have to do your laundry you might as well do it in a way that saves you time and space. There are 30 billion loads of laundry done each year. If everyone switched to using laundry sheets, we could eliminate 1 billion plastic jugs from landfill and save truck fuel and CO2 equivalent to taking 27 million cars off the road a day... or planting 9 million new trees.

Taking care of the environment by making small decisions that work just as well as or better than what you did before, that is how we get there. You don’t have to sacrifice for that. You are actually going to find that you like this stuff. It saves time, it saves space, it is all good!” - Dave Asprey, Bulletproof CEO

Please check it out. Open the Knox website (knoxstthomas.ca) and click on the link “Serve.” You will see the last link on the drop-down list is for “TruEarth.” Click on that link and you’ll see the products and their costs (It’s a bit more expensive than buying jugs of laundry detergent in the grocery store, but it’s more convenient for you and you’ll be doing your bit to reduce your carbon footprint on the earth). Some products are on sale beginning Dec. 3rd and running through the month of December.

I am happy to speak to you about the products, or there are a good number of folks at Knox besides myself who have been using TruEarth for years. If you are not comfortable shopping online, I am happy to place your order for you and deliver your purchase to you at Knox. Think about it!

Christmas blessings. _____