

Staff Emails

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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



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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 14TH, 2025
10:30 AM

ENTER TO WORSHIP

WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF THE CHRIST CHILD

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

Prelude Gaudete *traditional*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship Alison Fordham-Thomas and Liam

This is Gaudete [“Gow-day-tay”] or Joy Sunday. As we prepare for Christ’s coming, we remember that, from the very beginning, God blessed all Creation.

We come knowing that we can add to the world’s joy. By our actions we can help lift the burdens of others.

Today, we light the third candle of Advent, the pink one, as a symbol of our joyful spirits.
(Light the candle of joy)

Concluding Prayer

Hymn* 118 Hark the glad sound

Opening Prayer

WE HEAR THE STORY OF GOD’S LOVE

Youth Hymn* 119 Joy is a song v3

Scripture Isaiah 35:1-10

Words of Introduction and Appreciation

A Children’s Christmas Pageant “A Camp Kintail Story”

Around the Campfire
Campers gather and sing
Christmas in July

Carol (printed) O Little Town of Bethlehem

Journey to Bethlehem
A baby is born and placed in a manger

Carol (printed) Away in a Manger

Angels and Shepherds
Visitors arrive

Carol (printed) Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Wise People Follow the Star
Gifts for the new King

LEAVE TO SERVE

Carol (printed) We Three Kings

Campfire Reflection
A light still shines

Special Song Peace Like a River

Carol (printed) Joy to the World

WE RESPOND WITH JOY

Offering and Offertory Weichnachtbaum *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

Prayers of the People

Hymn* 141 Good Christians, all rejoice

Benediction*

Postlude The Christmas Song *Wells & Torme*

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. Today is Pageant Sunday – when our youngest members lead us in worship! 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 Choir for providing ushers for today’s service, to Don Leitch who is on security, and to the Meathrell/Pease team for hosting coffee break.

To access TruEarth products, open the Knox website (knoxstthomas.ca) and click on the heading “Serve.” You will see the last link on the drop-down list is for “TruEarth.” Click on that link and you will see the products and their costs. Some products are on sale beginning December 3rd and running through the month of December.



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 15th, 2025.



THIS WEEK AT KNOX
Sunday Dec 14th to 21st

Today	11:30 am	Coffee Break (Rodney Hall)
Monday	6:30 pm	Embers (CE Hall)
Monday	7:00 pm	Board of Managers (Library)
Tuesday	9:00 am	Golden K (Rodney Hall)
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Knox Leads Worship at Elgin Manor
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Girl Guides (CE Hall)
Wednesday	2:00 pm	Knox Leads Worship at Royal Oak
Thursday	2:00 pm	Knox Leads Worship at Seasons
Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir (Sanctuary)
Thursday	7:30 pm	The Winner’s Circle (CE Hall)
Friday	9:30 am	Daycare Christmas Party (CE Hall)
Friday	7:00 pm	Choral Connection Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Saturday	1:00 pm	Private Christmas Party (CE Hall & Kitchen)
Saturday	2:00 pm	Choral Connection Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Saturday	7:30 pm	Choral Connection Concert (Sanctuary)
Sunday	10:30 am	Morning Worship (Sanctuary)

Next Sunday, December 21st

Ushers organized by	Welcome Committee
Coffee Break is organized by	Finlay Team
Security person is	Paul Tait

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

Friday, January 16th 7 pm Three of a Kind V: The Final Frontier Concert

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.

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!

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by:
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on

AWAY IN A MANGER

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

HARK, THE HERALD ANGELS SING

Hark! The herald angels sing "Glory to the new-born king
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled"
Joyful all ye nations rise; Join the triumph of the skies
With angelic host proclaim "Christ is born in Bethlehem"
Hark! The herald angels sing "Glory to the new-born king"
Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, Risen with healing in His wings
Mild He lays His glory by, Born that we no more may die
Born to raise us all of earth, Born to give us second birth
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born king"

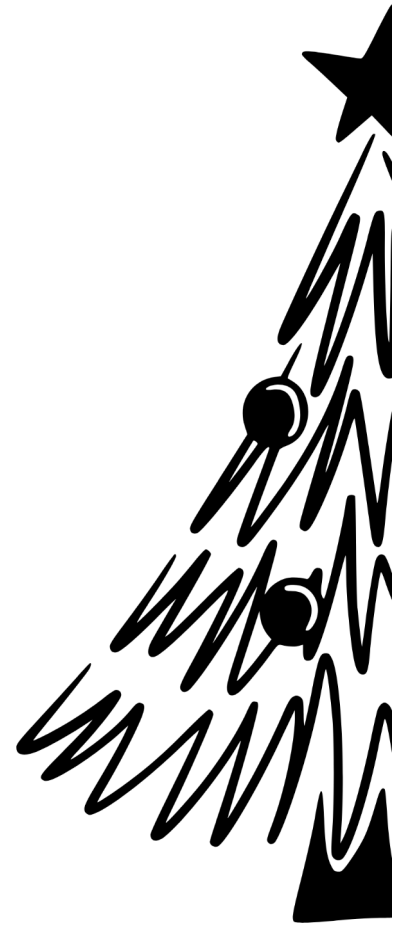
WE THREE KINGS

We three kings of orient are
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain
Moor and mountain
Following yonder star

O star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to thy perfect light

Glorious now behold Him arise
King and God and Sacrifice
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia
Heaven to earth replies

O star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to thy perfect light



JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive its King;
let every heart prepare him room
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.
Joy to the earth! the Saviour reigns: let us our songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.