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**OUR MISSION**

***At Knox Presbyterian Church,  
we seek to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ  
and be led by the Holy Spirit,  
in worship, in daily life, and in serving God  
as we serve our community and beyond***

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## **THE STORY**

**Read the story. Experience the Bible.  
Know God's Story and your own.**

# THE STORY

Sunday, August 13, 2017

## “COMING HOME”

*\* please stand as you are able*

### THE CHURCH GATHERS

Welcome, Announcements, Greeting

We Prepare to Worship...in story

We Prepare to Worship...in song

*“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High” (Founds)*

*“The Heart of Worship” (Redman)*

We Prepare to Worship...in silent prayer

### TO WORSHIP GOD

Call to Worship *from Psalm 124 and 9*

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**ALL: who made heaven and earth.**

One: We will give thanks to You, O Lord,  
with our whole heart;

we will tell of all Your wonderful deeds.

**ALL: We will be glad and exult in You;**

**we will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.**

Response *“Your Name”*

\*Prayer of Approach, Confession; The Lord’s Prayer

The Good News of God’s Mercy and Forgiveness

\*Hymn of Praise *“Come, People of the Risen King” (Getty)*

We Profess What We Believe *The Apostles’ Creed*

### GOD SPEAKS TO US

Children’s Time

\*Song *“The Church Song” (Beech)*

### We Prepare to Hear God’s Word

Scripture *Psalm 147 (p. 510) with refrain*

*1 Corinthians 3:9-17 (p. 927)*

*Ezra 1:1-6 (p. 384) 3:1-13(p.385)*

*Haggai 1:1-15 (p. 763)*

Message

### WE RESPOND IN FAITH

\*Hymn *“O God, You Are My God” (Beaker)*

*“Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer” (Williams)*

Prayers of the People

Offering and Dedication

### WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS, WE GO TO SERVE

\*Hymn *“He Will Hold Me Fast” (Getty)*

We Receive God’s Blessing

Song *“Go Now in Peace” (Besig & Price)*

CHURCH BUILDING FUND COMMITTEE

AN EXTRA PLACE AT THE TABLE  
 This month and next, Contact House is in need of any of the following items:

*canned fish, tuna, salmon, canned meat, canned fruit, jellos, puddings, soda crackers. On the non-food side: toilet paper, shampoo, empty dish soap, laundry soap containers.*

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*"We're cutting costs."*

## Good Morning!

*We're so glad you're here today! If it's your first time, or first time in a long time, or you're here all the time, know you are welcome here! You'll find more about worship on the next page – if you have any questions, please ask the person who greeted you at the door! At KPC, you are among friends...God's grace and love abide...so come as you are, and come to know something about the life and love of the Risen Lord Jesus and the presence of God's Spirit with us always and everywhere!*

We're back into THE STORY again...and find that God's people are heading home! It's been a long time...70 years ...what will they remember? what will they find? COMING HOME is a journey on the outside...but also on the inside; about a place to be, but also a people to become. It's a journey for us all in life and faith...and their story can shape ours.



### A Word About Worship...



*You are welcome here. Really. You are among friendly people who care, who aren't perfect, but are on a journey of faith. If you are a guest, we don't expect you to give an offering; if you wish to do so, we're grateful. Join us for refreshments downstairs after worship. We hope you are blessed by being here, and that you'll come again!*



**KID CONNECTION** welcomes all children! Come up front for the children's time; parents welcome, too! Then join the group and head downstairs after the

*children's song. Children will rejoin us for the closing song. Feel free to accompany your child downstairs and then return for the message once they are settled. NURSERY ministry for those under school age is available downstairs as well.*

**Washrooms** are at the back entry and in the downstairs hall; **baby change stations** are located in the back entry washroom and just off the front entryway.



*We have hearing assistance devices available. Just ask a greeter or the staff at the sound booth at the back.*

*Please join us for refreshments and conversation following worship! Head downstairs after the service – You'll be welcome! Apple juice and bottled water are available on the back table by the front entry door.*



Hospitality is important for everyone who comes to KPC! Be sure to welcome one another! As one wise pastor said, "On Sunday morning at church, greet your friends and visit with the visitors!"



### THIS WEEK:

**Greeters:** Marion Tilford & Sonja Stanjovec;  
Herman & Eleanor Bientema

### NEXT WEEK:

**Greeters:** Rick & Barb Doyle; Kim, Austin & Logan Arnel





VBC

is Coming!

August 21-25<sup>th</sup> Mark your calendars!

We need apple juice boxes, dryer hose, paper towel/foil/plastic wrap rolls, duct tape, cardboard boxes of various sizes, plastic plates of all colours.

## NEWS & NOTES

\*Pastor Chris will be preaching through the summer months, and taking holidays after VBC. She will be trying to take two days off each week, Monday and Tuesday.

\*Wednesday DAY OF PRAYER will continue through the summer. Take a moment to come and pray for your church family, the community, and your own concerns and thanksgivings. 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. each Wednesday.

\*Thanks to Andrea Walden for coordinating the KIDS CHURCH summer program.

## VBC ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome all who can help, even for a short time, at the VBC set up next Sunday afternoon, 1.30 p.m., Legacy Centre

Everyone is most welcome to visit VBC and see the fun and activity! Join us any morning. 8.45 a.m. to 12 noon.

You are welcome to the FAMILY NIGHT BBQ and CLOSING PROGRAM supper at 5.30; program at 6.45.

What's   
Happening



**After Worship: Lemonade on the Lawn**

Tuesday 1:30 -3:30 Knox Knitters

Wednesday 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. DAY OF PRAYER

Saturday 6 p.m. Spanish Workers Ministry

Sunday 9.30 a.m. Worship & KID'S CHURCH

THE STORY: COMING HOME  
Chapter 20 Queen Esther

**1.30 p.m. VBC SET UP – LEGACY CENTRE**



Summer 2017 theme  
All kids welcome!



**Anyone else who has not had photos taken, please come! We want everyone in our church family to be included!**

**We have room for more people to get their pictures taken – simple, easy, right after church. No sales pitch. All who call KPC their church home are included and invited! Just see Linda, Dianne or Karen after worship, at the back of the sanctuary.**



To help cover the directory costs, a donation of \$10 would be helpful. For more information, you may contact Linda-  
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**THANK YOU to Kristy and Heather for their expertise!**



**Grounded in Faith.  
Growing to Serve.**

Our building project is currently tied up in red tape at the denomination's architecture committee. We are disappointed and yet not discouraged. Both Board and Session have sent out invitations to tender, and both have agreed to award the building project to Bakker Design and Build, with Peter and Teresa Bakker. We have great confidence in their commitment and integrity to this project and to our church. While we had hoped to be underway with construction by now, it will happen, hopefully before the end of summer. We believe that the Lord is leading and providing all aspects of this project, and that He will be glorified as we proceed. Please pray for the remaining hurdles to be crossed quickly, and the way cleared to begin.



**A BIG THANK YOU to all who have completed their initial pledges, and to those who have begun the regular pledges! A reminder that any remaining initial pledges are to be marked GTS – Initial Pledge on the OTHER line of your envelope. Regular givings to GTS should be marked GTS – Regular. Thank you!**