

Maybe Christmas  
doesn't come from a  
store.

Maybe Christmas,  
perhaps, means a  
little bit more.

-The Grinch

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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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HOW GOD   
SAVED CHRISTMAS

# DECEMBER 20, 2015

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

\* *please stand as you are able*

### THE CHURCH GATHERS

Welcome, Announcements, Greeting

We Prepare to Worship...in story

We Prepare to Worship...in song

*"Come on Ring Those Bells"* (Culverwell)

*"While We are Waiting, Come"* (Cloniger)

We Prepare to Worship...in prayer *the Bible is carried in*

### TO WORSHIP GOD

**Call to Worship Advent 4 –Love**

*Long ago the LORD said to Israel: "I have loved you, My people, with an everlasting love. With unfailing love I have drawn you to Myself. ~Jeremiah 31:3*

One: CHRISTMAS! It's nearly here!

**ALL: There is much to do...and sometimes we grow weary and wish it was all over and done with.**

One: Deep down, at Christmas and always, we long for love!

**ALL: Christmas is really about love...God's love;  
the Lord who is love,  
who came because of love,  
who came to bring us love: God's love!**

One: The love of God is never-ending.

**ALL: We give thanks for God's love. We are thankful Jesus teaches us to love each other the way He loves us!**

One: Today we light the candle of Love. *Light the fourth candle*

\* Response *"Now It's Time to Light the Candle"*

\*Prayer of Approach and Confession, The Lord's Prayer  
The Good News of God's Grace and Forgiveness

\*Hymn of Praise *"God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen"* (Traditional)

\*We Profess What We Believe *The Apostles' Creed*

### GOD SPEAKS TO US

Children's Time

\*Song *"Christ Child's a-comin'"* (Adapted- Traditional Spiritual)

**We Prepare to Hear God's Word**

Scripture *Psalms 57 (p. 466)*

*I John 4:7-12 (p. 1002)*

Message

### WE RESPOND IN FAITH

\*Hymn *"What Child is This?"* (Traditional)

We Gather at the Lord's Table, the Faith Family Table

### WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS, WE GO TO SERVE

\*Hymn *"Go Tell It on the Mountain!"* (Traditional)

\*The Lord Sends Us with His Blessing

\*Song of Blessing *"Go Now in Peace"* (Besig & Price)





## AN EXTRA PLACE AT THE TABLE for DECEMBER

gravy (canned/mix), cranberry sauce, Christmas table supplies (tablecloth, napkins, Christmas paper plates, cups,) canned vegetables

## CALLING ALL KIDS!



**KID CONNECTION** is for **YOU!** Join us downstairs after the children's time and song for stories, crafts, faith and fun!

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PASTOR JONES COULD SENSE THE CLOSE PRESENCE OF CHRISTMAS AS HE SLOWLY MADE HIS WAY THROUGH THE JUNGLE OF POINSETTIAS

## Good Morning!

*Thanks for coming to worship today; we're been looking forward to being together! If it's your first time here, or first time in a long time, or you're here all the time, we hope you'll be encouraged: to think, to explore, to believe, to become, to take a step on the journey of life and faith with greater hope and a deeper desire to serve. 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 Jesus and the presence of God's Spirit with us always and everywhere!*



## Fourth Sunday In Advent

*It's ADVENT...so we're in a new time zone: the beginning of the Christian year. The Christian year keeps us focused on God's time and presence and purpose...and begins with Advent, the weeks of waiting, watching, preparing and praying to welcome Jesus Christ anew in our hearts, homes and world. During Advent we "mark time" with candles, lighting one candle each week as a sign of the growing light that draws us to Jesus, the Light of the World. You may wish to adapt this practice at home as well!*

Our worship series this year is **CHRISTMAS AT THE MOVIES**. Each week we'll look at one of the classic Christmas movies, and how that movie and the message of the Bible speak to us in this season. This week: **THE GRINCH WHO STOLE CHRISTMAS**. There is so much, are so many attempts to steal Christmas...but we have a God who comes still to save Christmas...and save us!

## 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! Orange juice and bottled water are available on the back table by the front entry door.*



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

Please sign up to serve in this ministry... as a children's greeter, nursery care, youth group snack provider...thank you! Sheets for January-February 2016 sign up are available today!



Once again this year we are supporting Sarnia Women's Interval Home, a safe refuge for women and children escaping domestic violence. Donations of personal items, soaps, toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, panty hose, gently used clothing, items for children (socks, kid theme toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, small stuffed animals), will be accepted until after worship this morning.. There is a box at the back of the sanctuary.

THANK YOU!



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**ON CHRISTMAS DAY-----**  
**Don't sit at home alone!**  
**Join some of your church family for a family style Christmas gathering!** Steve & Jeannette Stellingwerff are again hosting a get together at church on Christmas Day. **All WELCOME** --- It's Pot Luck -- Bring a hot dish -- Plus-- Salad

OR Dessert We will look after Coffee, tea, etc..  
Time 12:30 PM and we'll eat at 1 PM followed by social time and stories. If you have a game that can be enjoyed by all, bring that as well. Questions? call 519-238-8557.



this week @ church



THIS WEEK:

“A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS”

**Sunday** after worship coffee hour

**Monday 7.00 p.m.** A Quiet Christmas

**Tuesday 5.00 p.m.** Living Nativity Rehearsal

6.00 p.m. Cast and Crew supper

7.00 p.m. **LIVING NATIVITY** presentation

**CHRISTMAS EVE 5.30 p.m.** Christmas treats and fellowship

6.00 p.m. “A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS”

A worship Celebration for all ages

Carols and Candlelight!

**CHRISTMAS DAY 12.30 p.m.** Church Family

Christmas meal

**Sunday 9.30 a.m.** Worship & KID CONNECTION

“CLOTH FOR THE CRADLE”

*A Celtic Christmas Tradition*

*Favourite Carols and Readings*

*Movie and Popcorn for the children*

**ADVENT:** a season of waiting, preparing to welcome Jesus Christ in our hearts, our homes, our lives, our community, our world! It's always a special time here at KPC, and this year we have some new 'traditions' we'll share with you, along with our long cherished traditions.



**A Quiet Christmas** – December 21, 7.00 p.m. A gentle, candlelight service for anyone who needs peace, hope, healing and to re-focus on Jesus in this busy season.

**Living Nativity** – December 22, 7.00 p.m.



**THE WISH BOOK** – a Basel tradition brought to us at KPC, writing our prayers, wishes and hopes for peace community, our families. The book will be available here on Sunday, and then at Don Johnson Insurance office during business hours during the week. The Wish Book will be available through to January 10<sup>th</sup>.



**LOS POSADAS** – A Latin American tradition that we will adapt in our church family, especially in a year of world wide concern for refugees, refugee children, and violence. The Mary and Joseph figures from our knitted Nativity scene will travel from house to house, looking for shelter, through Advent up until Christmas Eve. They will be accompanied by a prayer card for you to use. You will arrange with the next host family to take Mary and Joseph and the prayer card to the next safe house. On Christmas Eve we will welcome Mary and Joseph to our church, and bring them to the safety of the stable. Please sign the calendar to host them in your home for a day/night.

  
**CHRISTMAS**



**Invite a friend, family member,  
neighbour to join in the events at  
KPC this week!**



Coming to KPC in 2016!

**THE  
APPRENTICE  
EXPERIENCE**  
*A Year with Jesus*

