



Knox Presbyterian Church
Thedford

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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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Sunday, December 4, 2016
Because of BETHLEHEM
“IT’S NOT TOO LATE”

** please stand as you are able*

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Welcome, Announcements, Greeting

We Prepare to Worship...in story

We Prepare to Worship...in a Christmas Carol

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” (Traditional)

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

TO WORSHIP GOD

Call to Worship **The Second Candle of Advent** *(insert)*

* Response *“Immanuel” (Townend)*

*Prayer of Approach, Confession; The Lord’s Prayer
The Good News of God’s Mercy and Forgiveness

*Hymn of Praise *“How Great is Our God”
(Tomlin, Cash, Reeves)*

We Profess What We Believe *The Apostles’ Creed*

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Children’s Time

*Song *“We’re Going to a Stable”*

We Prepare to Hear God’s Word

Scripture *Isaiah 64:1-12 (p. 604)*

Psalms 13 (p. 445)

Galatians 4:4-7 (p. 949)

Revelation 3:20

Message

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

Hymn Medley *“Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne” (Elliott)*

“Here I Am to Worship” (Hughes)

Prayers of the People

Offering and Dedication

WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS, WE GO TO SERVE

Hymn *“Good Christians All Rejoice” (Traditional)*

We are Encouraged and Blessed by God

Benediction *“Go Now in Peace” (Besig and Price)*



AN EXTRA PLACE AT THE TABLE for DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS!

cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, gravy (canned/dry mix),
canned vegetables, potatoes (including instant), Christmas
napkins, paper tablecloths, plates.



Welcome to KPC!

Hi there! We're 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, 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!

*It's the SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, a time to prepare for Christ's coming, not only Christmas. This year, our theme is **Because of BETHLEHEM**, where we travel to the manger to receive and believe what the Lord has given us: Himself. At this time of year – in fact, all year, we face pressures, stresses, and may think it's too late to change, find hope, be loved, have another chance. But, **Because of BETHLEHEM**, "IT'S NOT TOO LATE" !*



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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!"

Hospitality Ministry



Water's Edge

Wednesdays at 7.00 p.m.

ALL are welcome to a small group gathering with teaching from **Andy Stanley**. Join us!

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

Revelation 3:20

Advent and Christmas Dates to Remember

Advent begins today! Devotional guides for the season will be available, for all ages and stages of life and faith, from children to seniors. Our worship theme is **“Because of BETHLEHEM”**.

NATIVITY SETS – we will be decorating the sanctuary with nativity sets this year. If you have one we can include over the season, please bring it by next Sunday. Thank you!

COMMEMORATIVE ORNAMENTS

This year, in keeping with our theme, we are offering JIM SHORE ornaments. These are lovely ornaments that can be purchased as a memorial item, to commemorate a birth, an adoption, a graduation, a marriage, a new job, a new home - the ideas can be all yours! Order forms are available today, at either door. Orders need to be in TODAY to Catherine Minielly. Ornaments will be displayed on the church tree, and can be taken home Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

KID CONNECTION PRESENTATION Sunday December 11. On the Sundays leading up to Dec. 11, Kid Connection is preparing a movie, to include all the kids! Contact Heidi for details jhmcintyre@xcelco.on.ca.

THE LORD'S SUPPER – Sunday, December 18

A QUIET CHRISTMAS – a gentle service of carols and prayers for anyone who wants peace, comfort, hope and healing in this often busy, stressful season. Wednesday December 21, 7.00 p.m.

LIVING NATIVITY – Thursday, December 22 7.00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE – treats and cider 5.30 p.m. Worship at 6.00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY - BIRTHDAY PARTY for JESUS 10 .00 a.m. Dress is casual! Carols, cake and joy as a church family and guests



Tuesday 1:30 -3:30 Knox Knitters

4.00 – 5.30 Youth Group

7.00 p.m. “Surviving the Holidays” Grief Share

Wednesday 7.00 p.m. Water’s Edge

Sunday 9.30 a.m. Worship and Kid Connection

ADVENT THREE

“Because of BETHLEHEM”

“HOPE is Here”



KID CONNECTION PRESENTATION



Knox Knitters are busy at work – mitts, hats, chemo caps, prayer shawls, lap blankets, baby items and more. They are in need of more wool! if you have some, would be willing to donate some, please bring it to church on Sundays or Tuesdays 1.30-3.30.

The Knitters are offering handmade “angels” – perfect to decorate a Christmas gift, tuck in a card, put on your tree. They are offering these for a donation towards the building fund – suggested donation of \$5 each or \$10 for 3 angels.

THANK YOU!

CHRISTMAS FAMILIES

This year, Contact House has asked us to look after 5 families. With your help, we will provide gifts to open on Christmas morning, and a full Christmas dinner. The generosity of the church family has been amazing! Thank you! Gifts are to be returned by December 11, please.

We thank Bev Bowden and Shirley Jamieson who led this ministry for several years! We welcome Karen Alberti, Kristy Ravell and Brenda Stewardson as the new team! They can help you with any questions.



Facing the season carrying grief and loss? Join us here at KPC for a gentle evening with comfort, practical ideas help and hope! All are welcome.

Tuesday, December 6@ 7.00 p.m.

*Linda Willsie, Maryellen Brown
and Pastor Chris are your hosts.*

SUNDAY DEC 25th--- CHRISTMAS DAY
Don't sit at home alone!

Join some of your church family and or friends for a family style Christmas gathering! Steve & Jeannette Stellingwerff are again hosting a get together at church on Christmas Day. All WELCOME ---so bring someone with you! It's Pot Luck – Bring a hot dish – Plus-- Salad OR Dessert. We will look after Coffee, tea, etc.. We will gather by 12:30 PM, 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.