

**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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# THE STORY

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



Sunday, January 15, 2017  
**"THE BEGINNING"**

\* *please stand as you are able*

**THE CHURCH GATHERS**

Welcome, Announcements, Greeting

We Prepare to Worship...in story

We Prepare to Worship...in song

*"Shout to the Lord"* (Zscech) *"We Bow Down"* (Paris)

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

**TO WORSHIP GOD**

**Call to Worship** *from Psalm 24 and 95*

One: The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it.

**ALL: The world and all its people belong to Him.**

**For He laid the earth's foundation on the seas  
 and built it on the ocean depths.**

One: Come, let us worship and bow down.

**ALL: Let us kneel before the LORD our maker,  
 for He is our God.**

\* Response *"Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord"* (Baloche)

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

\*Hymn of Praise *"All Things Bright and Beautiful"* (Alexander)

We Profess What We Believe *The Apostles' Creed*

**GOD SPEAKS TO US**

Children's Time

\*Song *"The Butterfly"* (Howard)

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

Scripture *Psalm 8 (p. 443)*

*John 1:1-5 (p. 860)*

Message

**WE RESPOND IN FAITH**

A Question of Faith *Our World Belongs to God*

Hymn *"Creation Sings the Father's Song"* (Getty)

Prayers of the People

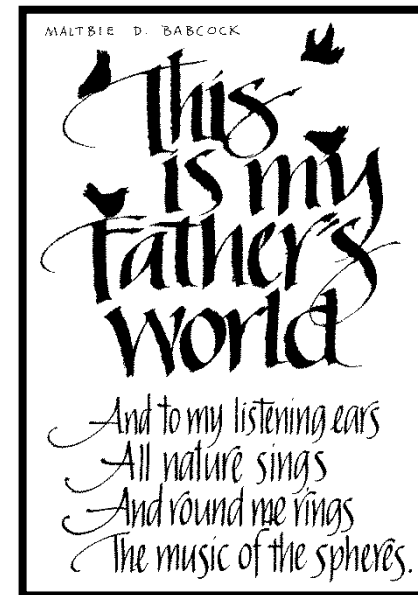
Offering and Dedication

**WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS, WE GO TO SERVE**

Hymn *"This is My Father's World"* (Babcock)

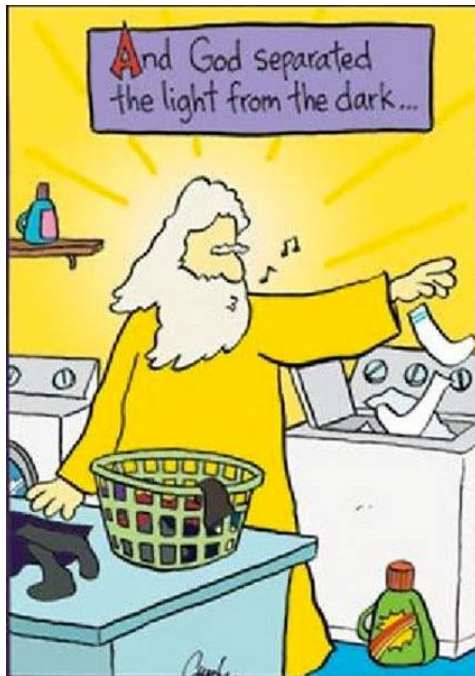
We are Encouraged and Blessed by God

Benediction *"Go Now in Peace"* (Besig and Price)





**AN EXTRA PLACE AT THE TABLE for  
JANUARY**  
**TUNA is the #1 need at the moment**



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# ***GOOD MORNING!***

*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!*

*This year, our theme is THE STORY. We will be reading through the Bible, getting to know the Bible, and know God's story...and our own. We're encouraging you to participate fully, by reading the Bible - and letting the Bible read you!*

*Today: The Beginning...much more than counting days or talking snakes. The Beginning of the story is about God, relationship, trust, grace. May this be a new beginning for you in all these things.*



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## A Word About Worship...



**WELCOME**

*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.*



*Welcome  
To our Church*

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: Jeff & Brenda Stewardson;  
Robert & Marcia Minielly  
Children's Greeters: Marie Clark  
Youth Group Snack: Pauline Matheson

### NEXT WEEK:

Greeters: John & Deb Gilliard;  
Marian Tilford & Ruth Hughes  
Children's Greeters:  
Youth Group Snack:



*Knitting  
Group*

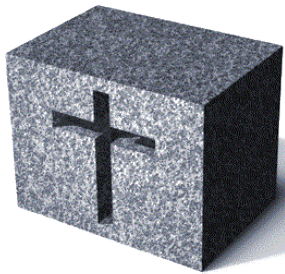
The Knox Knitters say  
**THANK YOU!** The Angel  
project raised \$451.00 for  
"Grounded in Faith,  
Growing to Serve",

our church building project!  
Thanks for all your support!



# What's Happening

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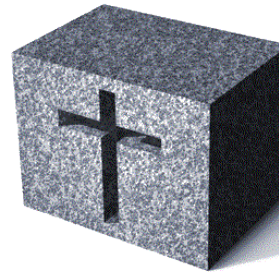
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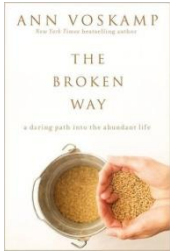
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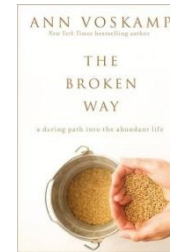
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