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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, November 26, 2017
“TO BE CONTINUED...”

** please stand as you are able*

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Welcome, Announcements, Greeting

We Prepare to Worship...in story

We Prepare to Worship...in song

“Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord” (Baloche)

“Wonderful, Merciful Saviour” (Rodgers & Wyse)

We Prepare to Worship...in silent prayer

TO WORSHIP GOD

Call to Worship *from Psalm 146*

One: Our hope is in the Lord our God!

ALL: Our help is in the Lord our God!

One: Praise the LORD!

Let all that I am praise the LORD.

I will praise the LORD as long as I live.

I will sing praises to my God with my dying breath.

ALL: The LORD will reign forever.

He will be your God throughout the generations.

Praise the LORD!

Response *“There is a Higher Throne” (Getty)*

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

*Hymn of Praise *“Creation Sings the Father’s Song” (Getty)*

The Basics of our Faith *The Apostles’ Creed*

Welcoming Lucy Van Dam to the Family of God

GOD SPEAKS TO US

For Younger Worshippers

*Song *“Soon and Very Soon” (Crouch)*

We Prepare to Hear God’s Word

Scripture *Romans 8:18-25 (p. 918)*

Hebrews 12:1-3 (p. 987)

Revelation 21:1-7, 22 – 22:5 (p. 1021)

Message

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*Hymn *“He Will Hold Me Fast” (Merkel)*

Prayers of the People

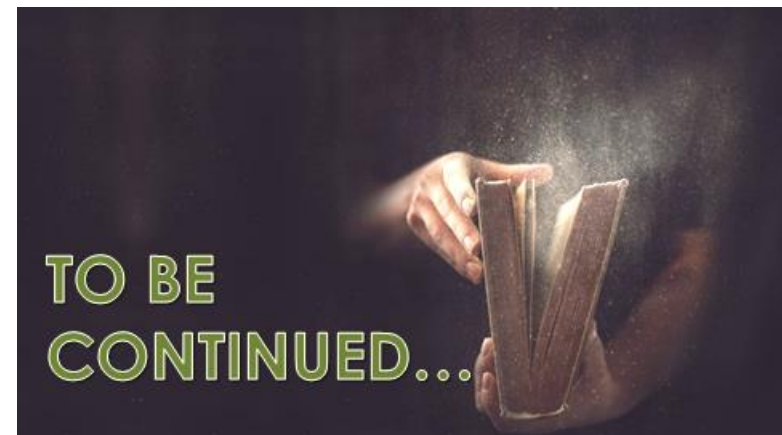
Offering and Dedication

WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS, WE GO TO SERVE

*Hymn *“Days of Elijah” (Mark)*

We Receive God’s Blessing

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



AN EXTRA PLACE AT THE TABLE

This month and next, Contact House is in need of any of the following items: as we head into the holiday season, think of holiday meal items: stove top stuffing, canned cranberry sauce, gravy, vegetables, along with Christmas napkins and paper/plastic tablecloths. There is a shortage of macaroni and spaghetti, dish soap, laundry soap, hand soap and plastic bottles to divide larger quantities of soap up.



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I'VE TRIED TO EXPLAIN THAT HE'S GOING TO BE WITH ME FOREVER. BUT HE JUST DOESN'T GET IT

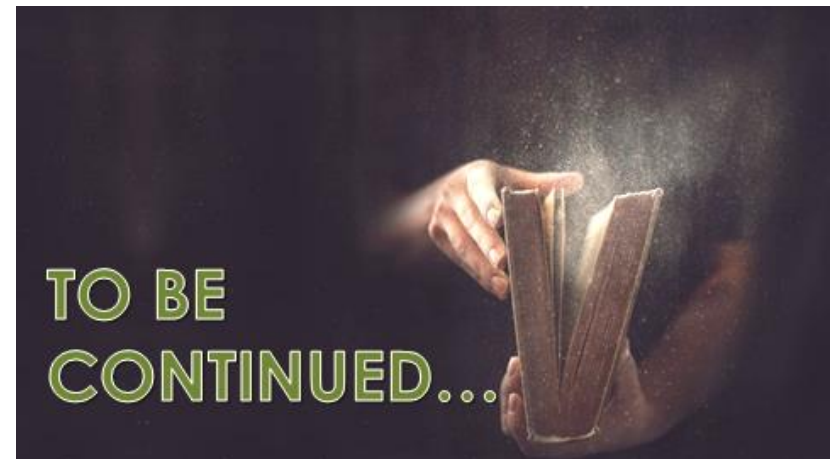


WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

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 welcome members of Colin, Cassie and Aubrey's family to our church family this morning, as Lucy is baptized today!

THE STORY continues! In fact, **THE STORY** will continue on and on and on...and by God's grace, we will be part of that story, as the Lord makes all things well. That's our theme today, as we conclude this year long exploration of the major themes and stories of the Bible, and of our faith. With humble confidence, we know the Lord is at work in our world, in our lives, in history. Today is not "THE END"...for God's story, our story is **TO BE CONTINUED...**



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! 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!"

GREETERS

THIS WEEK: Marion Tilford, Sonia Stanojevic, Herman and Eleanor Beintema

NEXT WEEK:

Children's Greeter: Marie Clark

Youth Group Snack: Heather Frayne



NEWS & NOTES



Grounded in Faith.
Growing to Serve.

Framing has begun, and Bethlehem will get settled down in her new home this week. Thank you for your patience and your prayers!

Building
To Serve

A large white cross logo on a dark red background.



In 1974, elders serving the Knox Church family were: Dougald McIntyre, Robert Gordon, James Hamilton, Dean Anderson, Ralph Sitter, Fred Walden, Lyle McIntyre, Lorne Gordon, and George Donald.

The minister was Rev. Bob Baker.



- Monday 9.30 a.m.** Work Bee for Advent-Christmas
- Tuesday 1:30 -3:30** Knox Knitters
- 4.00 – 5.30** Junior Youth Grades 6-8
- Thursday 9.30 a.m.** Advent Christmas Decorating Work Bee
- Sunday 9.30 a.m.** Worship and KID CONNECTION

ADVENT 1



COMING SOON

- o Youth Groups to Sarnia Sting Teddy Bear Toss game December 3 2.00 p.m.
- o and our ADVENT CHRISTMAS preparations will start! ADVENT begins December 3. Our worship theme this year:



The Numbers of Christmas

We'll be looking at John 3:16 week by week, with a children's series called "Christmas Countdown!"

Some dates to reserve:

- December 6 Knoxettes Christmas Pot-Luck at Widder Court at 6:00 P.M. open to all women in the church!
- December 10 – Kid Connection Christmas Presentation
- December 20 Living Nativity
- December 21 A Quiet Christmas
- December 24 Morning – Advent 4 – the Lord's Supper
- Christmas Eve 5.30 Christmas treats
- 6.00 Candlelight Service



IJM

Session has agreed to have KPC become a monthly partner with INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE MISSION. We will be giving \$50 per month to the very worthy ministry. We will watch a short video this morning describing the work of IJM. IJM works all over the world to help free people from slavery, particularly women and children, and young children who are victims of sex trafficking and exploitation.

IJM's Canadian office is in London, ON. We can help with **defending widows and orphans** who often lose everything to debt, through property grabbing and the greed of others who prey on the vulnerable. \$60 can help one such family be rescued from violence, win back what was stolen, and make sure they are safe enough to thrive again. IJM will help each widow get back on her feet to provide for her family and make sure orphans are cared for and that their rights are protected as they grow up. Your gift will be designated to IJM Canada's Property Grabbing Projects. Perhaps as a congregation we could donate towards helping 3 widows and their children, with gifts to total \$180.00. We do not want to put undue pressure on our congregation at a time when people are being incredibly generous, but also feel very keenly the immense needs of others in danger who are so vulnerable. Just mark any gift you may offer IJM on your envelope, or in a separate envelope. Thank you.



CHRISTMAS FAMILIES

This annual opportunity to serve local families in need will begin next week! We will be helping 5 or possibly 6 families have a blessed Christmas this year. Watch for the tags next Sunday for gift giving. Thanks to Karen Alberti, Brenda Stewardson and Kristy Ravell for leading this ministry again this year.



SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

– a caring evening of support for those grieving the loss of a loved one this Christmas. Maryellen Brown and Linda Willsie join Pastor Chris to offer this gathering on ***MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 7 – 8.30 P.M.*** All are welcome – please share with family and friends who might benefit from practical hints and help!

Thank you to everyone who helped with the WINTER WARM UP event this weekend!

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS – a reminder to order your ornaments! Forms are here today, and are due next Sunday!