

My Lord God,
I have no idea where I am going.
I do not see the road ahead of me.
I cannot know for certain where it will end.
nor do I really know myself,
and the fact that I think I am following Your will
does not mean that I am actually doing so.
But I believe that the desire to please You
does in fact please You.

And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.
I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.
And I know that if I do this You will lead me by the right road,
though I may know nothing about it.
Therefore will I trust You always though
I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.
I will not fear, for You are ever with me,
and You will never leave me to face my perils alone.

~Thomas Merton

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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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**MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET.
MIRACLE ON YOUR STREET!**

NOVEMBER 29, 2014 FIRST 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

"Open the Eyes of My Heart" (Baloche)

"While We are Waiting, Come" (Cloniger)

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

TO WORSHIP GOD

Call to Worship Advent 1 –Hope

We put our hope in the LORD. He is our help and our shield.

In God our hearts rejoice, for we trust in His holy name.

Let your unfailing love surround us, LORD,

for our hope is in You alone. Psalm 33:20-22

One: Something's coming.

ALL: We're waiting. We're eager.

One: It's more than presents.

ALL: It's more than Christmas lights.

One: We open God's Book of Hope and read the promise:

ALL: God is with us.

God comes to heal our broken hearts and lives.

One: Our hearts are glad; we trust God's holy name.

ALL: God's never-ending love surrounds us.

One: Today we light the candle of Hope. *(Light the first candle.)*

ALL: Our hope is in the Lord.

* Response *"Now It's Time to Light the Candle"* (Spong)

*Prayer of Approach and Confession, The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn of Praise *"Hark, the Glad Sound!"* (Doddridge)

*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 *Psalm 13 p.445 (with refrain)*

Isaiah 61:1-11 (p. 602)

Matthew 11:1-6, 25-30 (insert- The Message)

Message

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

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

Prayers of the People

We Give our Tithes, Offerings and Lives

WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS, WE GO TO SERVE

*Hymn *"O Little Town of Bethlehem"* (Brooks)

*The Lord Sends Us with His Blessing

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





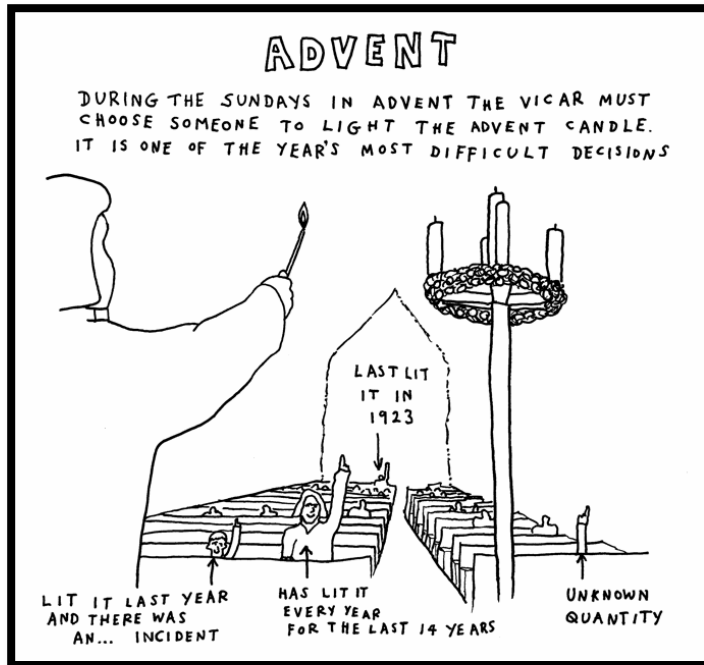
AN EXTRA PLACE AT THE TABLE for DECEMBER

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!



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!



First Sunday In Advent

This morning we enter 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: **MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET**...and how God invites us to a **MIRACLE ON YOUR STREET**.

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.

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! More information about worship and our church on the next page, and at our website

- 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 sign up are available today!



ALL WOMEN, ALL AGES – THIS IS FOR YOU!
Knoxette Christmas Meeting Wednesday December 02
the Common Room at Widder Court.
Pot-luck meal at 6:30 P.M. Please bring a favourite food.
Everything else will be provided.
Short business meeting to follow.

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 Dec. 20th. There is a box at the back of the sanctuary. **THANK YOU!**



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CHRISTMAS FAMILIES
Thank you for your
generous gifts!!!
You are blessing others
in Jesus' name!

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

*Pastor Chris is on retreat this week – leaving Monday
afternoon, returning Thursday evening.*

Sunday after worship coffee hour

Tuesday 1.30 p.m. Knox Knitters

NO Youth Group this week

7.00 p.m. Grief Share

Sunday 9.30 a.m. Worship & KID CONNECTION



Second Sunday In Advent

CHRISTMAS AT THE MOVIES!



NEXT WEEK: A CHRISTMAS CAROL

*Remember to watch the movie this week at your home!
Pastor Chris will be using the Alistair Sim classic version of
this film.*

Showings at Chris' home will reconvene next week!

ADVENT begins today – 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.



Pick up your Advent devotionals for adults and kids. These will help you at home prepare and remember what the season is really about. You may access online devotions – a list with links will be provided at the back table, and on the church Facebook page.



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 Chris will share with us at KPC, writing our prayers, wishes and hopes for peace kindness, healing and grace in our world, our homes, our 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 10th.



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.

ADVENT 2015!



CHRISTMAS AT THE MOVIES

JOIN US FOR A SERIES OF MESSAGES THROUGH
ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS THAT WILL TAKE
FAVOURITE CHRISTMAS FILMS AND FAVOURITE
READINGS FROM THE BIBLE TO HELP US PREPARE TO
WELCOME OUR SAVIOUR, CHRIST THE LORD!

- * We will have a "CHRISTMAS AT THE MOVIES" gathering , where we'll enjoy a showing of the movie featured in the following Sunday service. There will be a "matinee" at 2 p.m. on Wednesdays and an evening showing Thursdays at 7 p.m., all at Pastor Chris's home. Popcorn supplied! We encourage you to watch the movie at home – on Netflix or borrowing the movie.
- ***we are also looking for some people willing to make some good old fashioned popcorn strings and cranberry strings to decorate our large Christmas tree. Bring these to church for December 13, when we will trim our tree!**
- *You can speak with Catherine Minielly, Julie DeJong and Jean Peters to assist with any of these things. **THANK YOU!**
- * Why not invite a friend to come to any of our services or events during Advent /Christmas?
- *Upcoming movies: A Christmas Carol, It's a Wonderful Life, The Grinch Who Stole Christmas, and on Christmas Eve: A Charlie Brown Christmas!