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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 WAITING ROOM  
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?**



**“Wait for It...”**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018  
ADVENT 3

## **“Wait for It...”**

*\*please stand as you are able*

### **THE CHURCH GATHERS**

Welcome!

We Prepare to Worship...

In a story

In song “God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen” (Traditional)  
“Wonderful, Merciful Saviour” (Rogers/Wyse)

In silent prayer

### **TO WORSHIP GOD**

**Call to Worship** ADVENT 3: CANDLE OF JOY *insert*

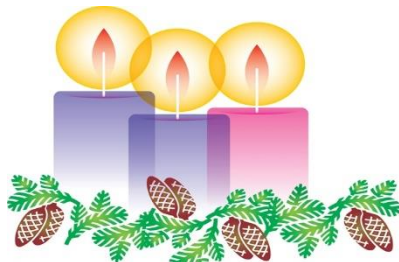
\*Response “I Will Wait for You” (chorus)

\*Prayer of Approach and Confession; the Lord’s Prayer

Assurance of God’s Love and Mercy

\*Hymn of Praise “Child in the Manger” (Traditional)

\*The Basics of our Faith *The Apostles’ Creed*



### **GOD SPEAKS TO US**

For Younger Worshippers

\*Song “Here We are A-Waiting” (Traditional Spiritual, adapted)

We Prepare to Hear God’s Word

Scripture *Joshua 2:1-21 (p. 177)*

*Romans 5:6-11 (p. 915)*

*Psalm 130 (insert)*

Message

### **WE RESPOND IN FAITH**

\*Hymn “I Will Wait for You” (Getty, Kauflin, Merkel)

“What Child is This?”

Gathering at the Lord’s Table *insert*

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

\*Hymn “Joy to the World” (Watts)

*Offering received during this hymn*

We Receive God’s Call and Blessing

Closing Song “Go Now In Peace”





**Live!**  
2018

**AN  
EXTRA PLACE AT THE TABLE**

**It's time to start collecting items for Christmas!  
Cranberry sauce (canned), stuffing mix, canned vegetables,  
Canned gravy, gravy mix, Christmas theme napkins,  
tablecloths, paper plates, cups, napkins**



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## **WELCOME!**

*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!*

*And so it begins. That "waiting time" before Christmas, often filled with one-chocolate-a-day calendars, parties, food, elves on shelves, frazzled shoppers, concerts, and hearing "Have a Holly Jolly Christmas" a thousand times. Take heart – ADVENT is so much more than that! This is a waiting time – but what are we waiting for? And how do we wait? And why? This year, join us in **THE WAITING ROOM**. This morning – God's love for us is amazing, deep, true, everlasting...something we wait for with hope and anticipation... **Wait for It...***



## 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 to **KID CONNECTION** after the children's song. Children will rejoin us for the closing song. Feel free to accompany your child to the classroom and then return for the message once they are settled. **NURSERY** ministry for those under school age is available as well.

**Washrooms** are available throughout the building; on both levels of the addition, at the back entry, and in the hall downstairs, in the addition. There are **baby change stations** are located at the main street entryway, and in the main floor, new addition washroom and nursery area.



We have hearing assistance devices available. Just ask a greeter or the staff at the sound booth at the back. 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!" **PLEASE NOTE:**

Greeters, please arrange among yourselves for the back door to have a greeter after worship as well; thank people for coming, and relay any messages to Pastor Chris.

### THIS WEEK:

GREETERS: Frank & Mary Turner; Arnel Family

CHILDRENS' GREETER: Sandy Chiurko & Terry Herron

YOUTH GROUP SNACK: none needed = Christmas party

NURSERY MINISTRY: Opportunity to Serve

### NEXT WEEK:

GREETERS: Jeff & Brenda Stewardson; Don & Dona Stewardson

CHILDRENS' GREETER: Opportunity to Serve

NO YOUTH GROUP meeting

NURSERY MINISTRY: Alice Francis





## ADVENT-CHRISTMAS 2018

Mark your calendars for these gatherings to enrich and encourage you and your loved ones this season with message of Christ!

DECEMBER 16 COMMUNION

DECEMBER 19 A QUIET CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 20 THE LIVING NATIVITY

December 23 Kid Connection "Christmas Bells"  
music ministry

**DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE**

**5.30 FOR TREATS AND CIDER**

**6.00 THE WAITING ROOM**

**"WORTH THE WAIT!"**

**CANDLELIGHT, CAROLS,  
AND CHRIST!**



**Monday 1.00 p.m. Christmas Carols and Communion  
at Widder Court, Common Room**

**Tuesday 4.00 p.m. Youth Group Christmas Party**

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

**Thursday 10 – 11 a.m. SENIORS COFFEE GROUP BOARD Rm.**

*Working with North Lambton Community Health Centre, we are pleased to host a weekly coffee group for any seniors who wish to come!*

**2.00 p.m. Living Nativity set up**

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

**6.00 p.m. Cast and Crew Supper**

**7.00 p.m. Living Nativity event**

**Sunday 9.30 a.m. Worship and KID CONNECTION  
ADVENT 4**

**Kid Connection Bell Ringers!**

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## CHRISTMAS DAY...no need to be home alone!

Join your church family and guests for Christmas dinner - pot luck style - bring a hot dish and a salad OR dessert for 12.30, and the meal will start by 1 p.m. If you have some games for sharing, bring them! A great time to celebrate the Saviour among friends!!! Please RSVP to Steve and Jeannette at 519-238-8557

*Merry*  
  
*Christmas*

**MICAH 6:8  
PROJECT**



**IJM**

**FREEDOM FAMILY**

Through to January 1, 2019 our KPC family is acting for justice and doing kindness, providing a family (or families) who need support after being set free from years of slavery. \$365 provides one family with 3 days of training in money management, employment search, education for children, personal safety and more. Our goal is to provide this for a family through the amazing work of IJM. If you are able to make even a small donation, just mark your envelope **FREEDOM FAMILY** or **IJM** Thank you!

## THE LIVING NATIVITY

The sign-up list for the Living Nativity is available now. We need all kinds of help...it will be all kinds of fun...and a great way to serve our community with the true story of Christmas! Please sign up. Cast are asked to be here at the church by 5 p.m. for a rehearsal, followed by a pizza supper. Costumes supplied, but feel free to bring your own. Performance begins at 7 p.m.



ChurchArt Online | www.churchart.com

## Christmas Eve – Baking!

On Christmas Eve, we serve hot and cold cider, and Christmas treats. We are thankful for donations of baked goods for this. Please have your baking at the church by 5 p.m. Thank you so much!