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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 YOU

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2018
ADVENT 4**

“WAIT FOR YOU”

**please stand as you are able*

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Welcome!

We Prepare to Worship...

In a story

In song “*I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*” (Longfellow)
“*Emmanuel*” (McGee)

In silent prayer

TO WORSHIP GOD

Call to Worship ADVENT 4: CANDLE OF LOVE *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 “*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*” (Traditional)

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

Ministry in Music *Kid Connection Bell Ringers*



GOD SPEAKS TO US

For Younger Worshippers

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

We Prepare to Hear God’s Word

Scripture *Isaiah 35:1-10 (p. 578)*

I John 4:1-4 (p. 1000)

Psalms 130 (insert)

Message

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

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

Prayers of the People

Offering and Dedication

WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS, WE GO TO SERVE

*Hymn “*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*” (Traditional Spiritual)

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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"This year our special Christmas offering will go to cover damages and lawsuits resulting from the donkey running amuck at our living Nativity."

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, who are YOU waiting for? A myth, a legend, a dream? Or the really real, really true Redeemer and Lord?*



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: Jeff & Brenda Stewardson; Don & Dona Stewardson
CHILDRENS' GREETER: Opportunity to Serve
NO YOUTH GROUP meeting
NURSERY MINISTRY: Alice Francis

CHRISTMAS EVE:

GREETERS: Alison & Avery Shaw;
Karen Alberti & Ruth Hughes
CHILDREN'S GEETER: Kim & Logan Arnel
PARKING LOT GREETERS: Owen Wilson, Hayden Wilson
CANDLES: Austin Arnel (front doors);
Nate Wilson (back doors)
NURSERY: Sandra Herrington & Cassie Hawkes
SERVING TEATS: Helen Hayter & Jane Smith-Schulz

NEXT WEEK:

GREETERS: Maryellen Brown; Marty & Dianne Brown
CHILDREN'S GREETER:
CHILDREN'S CHURCH:



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 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!



Here's what's happening!

Monday 5.30 p.m. Christmas treats

6.00 p.m. Christmas Eve Carols and Candlelight
"WORTH THE WAIT"

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!

Sunday 9.30 a.m. Worship and Children's Church

"WAITING FOR THE NEW YEAR"



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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!

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!

From the Board: Preparing for the end of 2018

- *Please pick up your offering envelopes*
- *Please consider moving to the PAR system*
- *Please ensure that all donations for 2018 are received by the treasurer prior to January 1, 2019*
- *Please accept our thanks for the generous support!*

KID CONNECTION CARDS and ITEMS are available today, in support of our MICAH PROJECT - FREEDOM FAMILY with IJM.

For in Him every one
of God's promises is

yes

2 CORINTHIANS 1:20