



Epiphany

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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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EPIPHANY

Sunday, January 6, 2019

“THE REST OF THE STORY”

**please stand as you are able*

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Welcome!

We Prepare to Worship...

In a story

In song “Here I am to Worship” (Hughes)

“Shout to the North” (Smith)

In silent prayer

TO WORSHIP GOD

Call to Worship based on Isaiah 60

One: Arise, shine, for your light has come!

ALL: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

One: Let us praise the Lord together.

**ALL: The sun shall no longer be our light by day,
nor will the brightness of the moon shine on us,**

One: for the Lord will be our light,
and our God will be our glory.

**ALL: The Lord will be our everlasting light,
and our days of sorrow will end.**

One: Come, let us sing to our light and salvation!

*Response “Open the Eyes of My Heart” (Baloche)

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

Assurance of God’s Love and Mercy

*Hymn of Praise “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (Wesley)

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

GOD SPEAKS TO US

For Younger Worshippers

*Song “We Three Kings” (Hopkins)

We Prepare to Hear God’s Word

Scripture *Isaiah 60:1-7 (p. 601)*

Psalms 119:105-112 (p. 501)

Titus 2:11-13 (p. 977)

Matthew 2:1-12 (p. 780)

Message

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*Hymn “By Faith” (Getty)

Prayers of the People

Offering and Dedication

WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS, WE GO TO SERVE

*Hymn “Jesus, All for Jesus” (Mark)

We Receive God’s Call and Blessing

Closing Song “Go Now In Peace”





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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!

*Welcome to our first gathering to worship God in 2019!
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!*

*If you looked at your calendar for today, you might have
noticed a word in the box: Epiphany. Epipha what?
Epiphany. The day we'll hear some of the "rest of the story"
after Christmas – and for the lives of other men (and
women) who seek Him!*



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 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:

CHILDREN'S GREETER:

NURSERY MINISTRY: Alice Francis

YOUTH GROUP SNACK: Kim Arnel

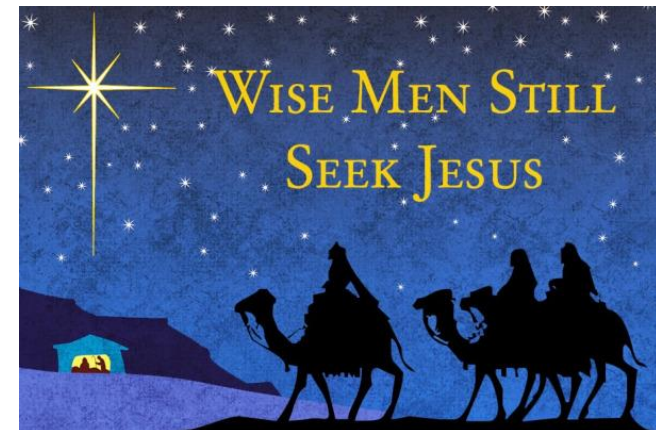
NEXT WEEK:

GREETERS:

CHILDREN'S GREETER:

NURSERY MINISTRY:

YOUTH GROUP SNACK: Pauline Matheson





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FREEDOM FAMILY DONATIONS

Our Advent-Christmas Mission Project to support families transition education from slavery to freedom raised \$2644.00!!! This is incredibly generous! Thank you so much! This means 7 families will have all the support they need to get work, manage finances, get their children in to school, and begin their lives again in freedom! Thanks be to God, and to you!

COMING SOON TO KPC!

- Bible study – Philippians
- On the Journey of Grief support group
- Small Group study “It’s Not Supposed to be This Way” with Lysa TerKeurst
- Soul Care meetings with Pastor Chris



Here's what's happening!

Tuesday 1.30 p.m. Knox Knitters

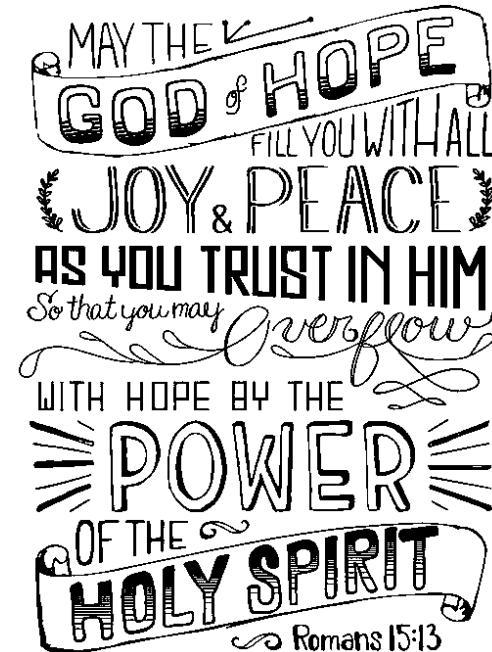
4.00 p.m. KPC Junior Youth

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

Our 2019 Theme: HOPE!



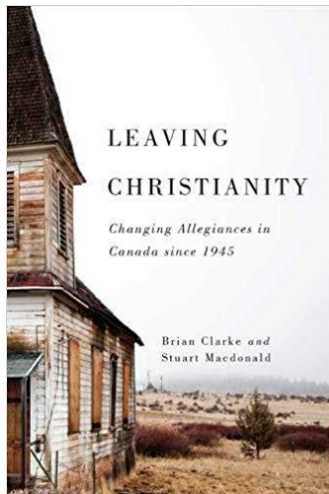
EVENT AT KPC! JANUARY 12, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Canadians were once church-goers. During the post-war boom of the 1950's, Canadian churches were vibrant institutions, with attendance rates even higher than in the United States, but the following decade witnessed the emptying of the pews. What happened? What can we learn? How can we engage with Canadians again?

"LEAVING CHRISTIANITY" is a recent publication about this question. Stuart Macdonald is a co-author of that book; Stuart is a friend of Pastor Chris, and teaches at Knox College. He and his wife Gale often worship with us in the summer, as they have a family cottage at the lake. Stuart will be leading a workshop here on Saturday, January 12, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Lunch is included.

This workshop is of interest to those involved in churches now, both as leaders and members. Cost is \$20 before January 10; \$25 afterwards or at the door. To register, let Wendy Moffatt know, or send an email to kpcthedford@gmail.com

Looking forward to a great event!



The Journey

Is longer than I thought
It would be
(I was only 17
when I became aware
of it And the glorious end
Was coming soon
or so we thought)
Harder and darker
Than advertised
(I read the manual later
And saw the red fine print
Of suffering)

After several years
I used up everything
Forgetting to stop
And refill at times

Truly if you had not Again and again
Lifted me up from the mud
Onto the wings of the
Waiting eagle
I would still be there

You are faithful
And your love
Is the constant of my life
Though I cannot
Always see or Feel it

Trust is my part
Faith, hope, and love
Not abstract nouns
To feel or believe
But actions I need to continue
To practice. ~ Julie Clark