

FOR GOD
SO LOVED
THE WORLD
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WHOEVER
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BUT HAVE
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LIFE.
JOHN 3:16

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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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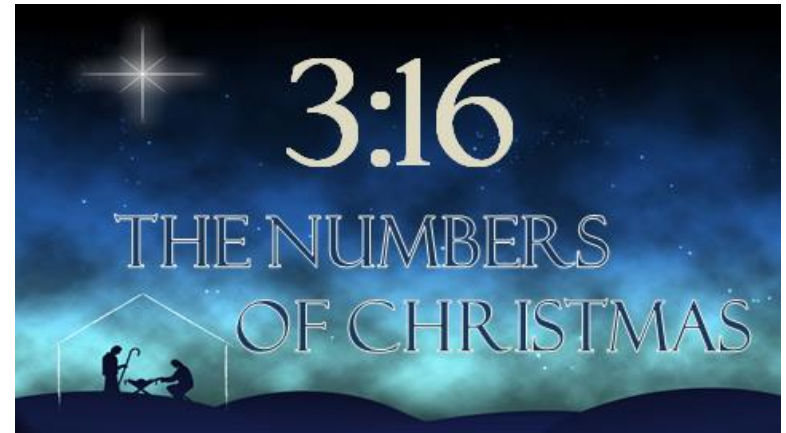
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Knox Presbyterian Church
Thedford



Sunday, December 10, 2017
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

3:16

THE NUMBERS OF CHRISTMAS

“HE GAVE”

** please stand as you are able*

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Welcome, Announcements, Greeting

We Prepare to Worship...in story

We Prepare to Worship...in song

“He Came Down” (Traditional)

“Once in Royal David’s City” (Alexander)

We Prepare to Worship...in silent prayer

TO WORSHIP GOD

Call to Worship The Second Candle of Advent

Response *“God So Loved the World”*

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

*Hymn of Praise *“O Little Town of Bethlehem” (Brooks)*

The Basics of our Faith *The Apostles’ Creed*

GOD SPEAKS TO US

KID CONNECTION CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION

For Younger Worshippers

*Song *“God So Loved the World” (Getty)*

We Prepare to Hear God’s Word

Scripture *Lamentations 3:22-24 (p. 665)*

Psalms 103 (p. 489)

Ephesians 1:3-11 (p. 952)

John 3:16

Message

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*Hymn *“Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne” (Elliott & Matthews)*

Prayers of the People

Offering and Dedication

WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS, WE GO TO SERVE

*Hymn *“Wonderful, Merciful Saviour” (Rodgers & Wyse)*

We Receive God’s Blessing

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

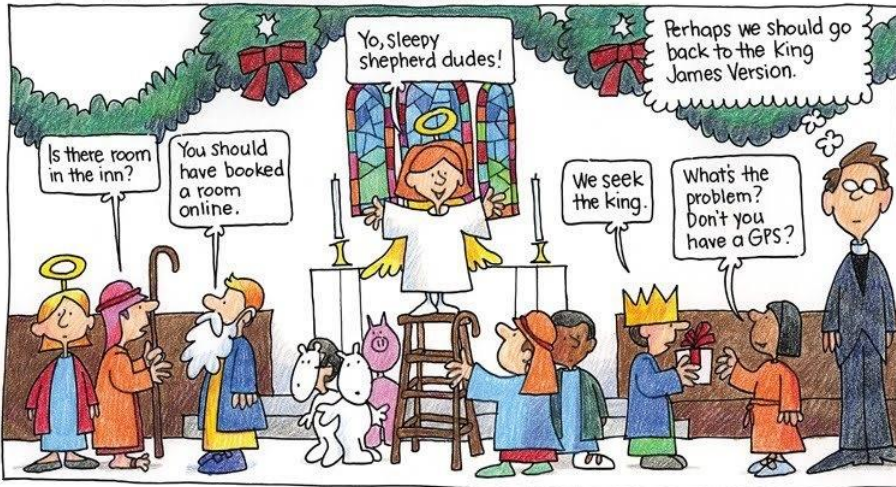


AN EXTRA PLACE AT THE TABLE
This month and next, Contact House
is in need of any of the following items:
as we head into the holiday season, think of
holiday meal items: stove top stuffing, canned
cranberry sauce, gravy, vegetables, along with
Christmas napkins and paper/plastic tablecloths.
There is 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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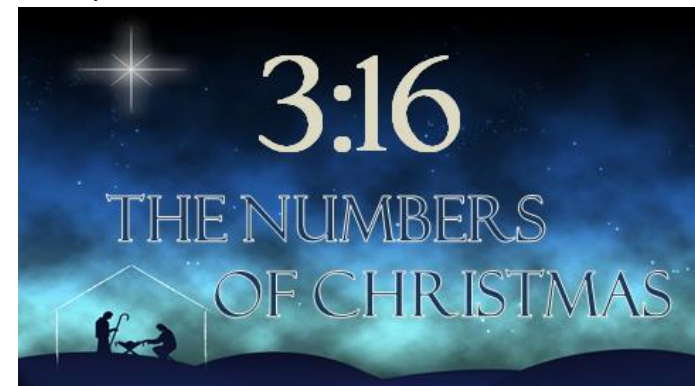


WELCOME!

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!

Christmas. It's about the numbers. Not just the 12 days song that goes on...and on...no, you know - the numbers: how many for Christmas dinner? how big the turkey? how many gifts? how many days left? and ... the big numbers how much will all this cost? God had other numbers. Join us as we begin the Advent journey to Christmas with the real numbers: 3:16. We'll be looking at one of the most famous Bible verses of all time, week by week: John 3:16.

This Sunday, "HE GAVE"...our generous God gives the best! And our response?



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. 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!"

THIS WEEK:

Greeters: Anna Herrington, Janessa & Myra O'Neill,
Don & Dona Stewardson

Children's Greeter:
Youth Group Snack:

NEXT WEEK:

Greeters: Gary & Laurie Brown; John & Debbie Gilliard
Children's Greeter:
NO YOUTH GROUP SNACK NEEDED

Christmas



begins with God's gift to us.



Grounded in Faith.
Growing to Serve.



The Knoxettes have a long history of supporting the church through many projects: quilting bees, turkey suppers, strawberry socials, afternoon teas and serving banquets for The Thedford Fair Board, The

Masonic Lodge, The Thedford Co-operative, the Jura Guild, the Junior Farmers, The Federation of Agriculture, The Laymen's association, The Thedford Chamber of Commerce, The Royal Canadian Legion, The Blue Water Belles, and the 4-H Club.



Monday 7.00 p.m.

Tuesday 4.00 – 5.30 Junior Youth Grades 6-8

anyone who could spare some extra greenery (cedar, pine, fir) please bring to the church – Carla Sitter is teaching the group how to make a Christmas item for their homes!

Thursday 7.00 p.m. High School Youth Group

Sunday 9.30 a.m. Worship and KID CONNECTION

ADVENT 3 WE BELIEVE

THE LORD'S SUPPER



COMING SOON



THE NUMBERS OF CHRISTMAS

We are living with John 3:16 week by week, with a children's series called "Christmas Countdown!"

Some dates to reserve:

December 17 Advent 3 The Lord's Supper

December 20 Living Nativity

December 21 A Quiet Christmas

December 24 Morning – Advent 4

Christmas Eve 5.30 Christmas treats

6.00 Candlelight Service

WOMEN'S INTERVAL HOME – SARNIA

A safe refuge for women and children escaping abuse. Donation of personal items (shampoo, hand lotion, children's toys, books, crayons, and small items of gently used clothing) . The Knoxettes have a box to receive these items at the back table. Thank you!

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.

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

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

Thanks to Karen Alberti, Brenda Stewardson and Kristy Ravell for leading this ministry again this year.

Thank you to KID CONNECTION and their leaders for their leadership and care for our young members!

A QUIET CHRISTMAS

Thursday, December 21st 7.00 p.m.

A quiet, gentle service for anyone who wants to recall the real simplicity and profound love and healing of Christmas. Candlelight, a message of hope, just come as you are.





Steve & Jeannette Stellingwerff are again hosting a get together at Knox Presbyterian Church in Thedford on Christmas Day.

Join some of your church family & others you might know or may like to invite for a family style Christmas gathering!

All WELCOME ---

It's Pot Luck – Bring a hot dish – Plus-- Salad OR Dessert We will look after Coffee, tea, etc..

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We need shepherds, wise men, angels, Roman soldiers, and census takers! Costumes provided! Rehearsal at 5 p.m., followed by a pizza supper provided. Sign up sheets are available today.



5.30 p.m. Christmas treats and Cider
please bring your baking!

6.00 p.m. Candelight Service

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