

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among the people,
to make music in the heart.
~ Howard Thurman~

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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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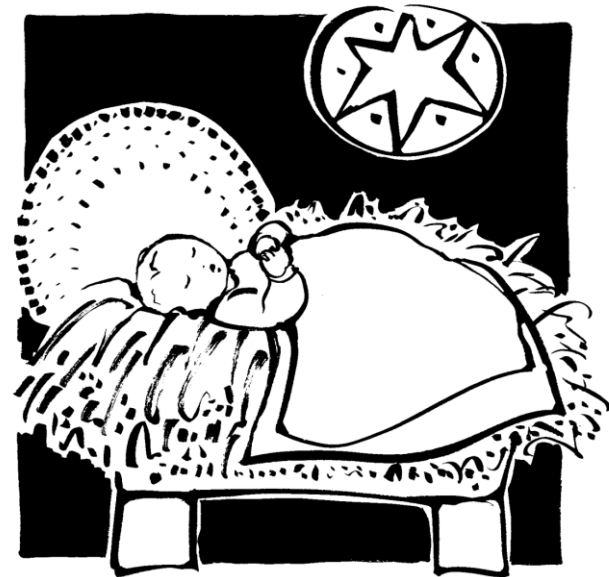
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**Cloth
FOR THE CRADLE**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER Twenty- Seventh
“CLOTH FOR THE CRADLE”

* *please stand as you are able*

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Welcome, Announcements, Greeting

We Prepare to Worship...in story

We Prepare to Worship...in song

“Isn’t He?” (Wimber) “Good King Wenceslas”(Traditional)

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

TO WORSHIP GOD

Call to Worship

One: He came as a baby in a manger.

ALL: O come, let us adore him.

One: He came in a lowly stable.

ALL: O come, let us adore him.

One: Shepherds brought their worship.

ALL: O come, let us adore him.

One: Angels sang his praise.

ALL: O come, let us adore him.

One: Wise Ones brought their gifts.

ALL: O come, let us adore him.

One: What shall we do?

ALL: O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord! Amen.

* Response “O Come All Ye Faithful” v.1, 5 (Traditional)

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

The Good News of God’s Grace and Forgiveness

*Hymn of Praise “The First Nowell” (Traditional)

*We Profess What We Believe *The Apostles’ Creed*

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Children’s Time

*Song “Mary’s Boy-Child” (Traditional Spiritual)

We Prepare to Hear God’s Word

Scripture *Luke 2:1-7 (p. 830)*

Matthew 25:31-40 (p. 804)

Carol “While Shepherds Watched” (Tate)

Message

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

In Song and Action “Cloth for the Cradle” (Bell)

*Carol “In the Bleak Mid-winter” (Rossetti)

Prayers of the People

We Give our Offerings and Lives to God

WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS, WE GO TO SERVE

*Hymn “The Holly and the Ivy” (Traditional)

*The Lord Sends Us with His Blessing

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

AN EXTRA



PLACE



AT THE TABLE for JANUARY

soup and stew muffin mixes

CALLING ALL KIDS!



KID CONNECTION is for YOU! Join us downstairs after the children's time and song for stories, crafts, faith and fun!



Merry Christmas!

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!

This morning we follow a Celtic tradition called "Cloth for the Cradle" – where we each bring a strip of cloth to lay on the manger, and begin to form a patchwork cloth, as we care and share what we have together. You received a strip of cloth this morning, and will be guided on what to do with it as the service progresses.



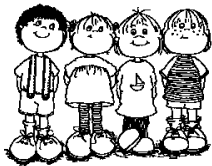
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Word

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! 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 January-February 2016 sign up are available today!

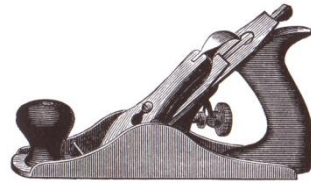


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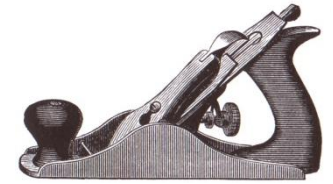
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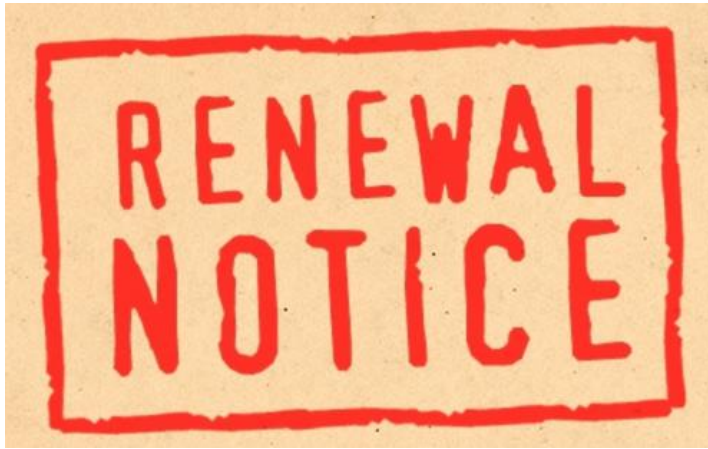
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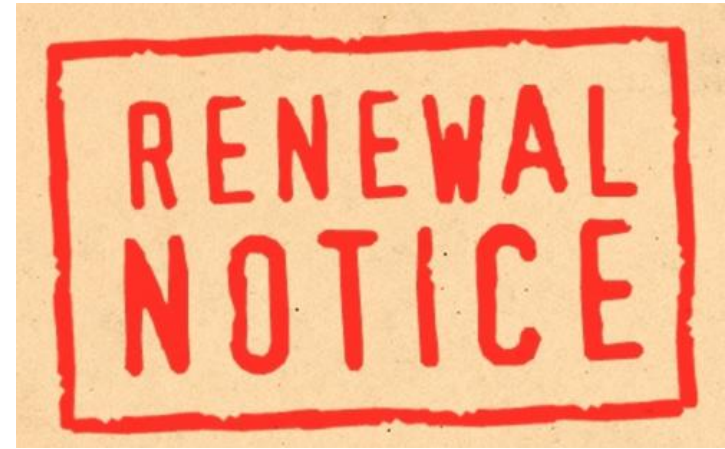
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