

Knox Presbyterian Church
Thedford

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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 STORY

**Read the story. Experience the Bible.
Know God's Story and your own.**

Sunday, January 8, 2017

"THE STORY"

* *please stand as you are able*

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Welcome, Announcements, Greeting

We Prepare to Worship...in story

"Oh, How Good It Is" (Getty) *"Your Name"* (Packiam)

We Prepare to Worship...in song

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

TO WORSHIP GOD

Call to Worship *from Psalm 119, Isaiah 40, Philippians 2,*

One: The grass withers and the flowers fade,
but the Word of our God stands forever.

**ALL: Your Word is a lamp to my feet
and a light for my path.**

One: Your eternal Word, O Lord, stands firm in heaven.
I have put my hope in Your Word.

**ALL: Your Word is a lamp to my feet
and a light for my path.**

One: Hold on to the Word of life.

**ALL: The grass withers and the flowers fade,
but the Word of our God stands forever.**

* Response *"Speak to Me"* (Walker)

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

*Hymn of Praise *"Great is Thy Faithfulness"* (Chisholm)
We Profess What We Believe *The Apostles' Creed*

GOD SPEAKS TO US

A Question of Faith *Our World Belongs to God 34-36*

Children's Time

*Song *"God Gave Us a Special Book"* (Traditional)

We Prepare to Hear God's Word

Scripture *2 Kings 23:1-3, 21-25 (p. 321)*

Psalms 119:33-40, 105 (p. 499)

2 Timothy 3:14-17 (p. 974)

Message

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

Hymn *"Thy Word"* (Grant & Smith)

Prayers of the People

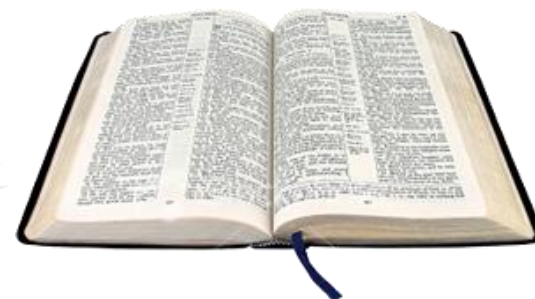
Offering and Dedication

WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS, WE GO TO SERVE

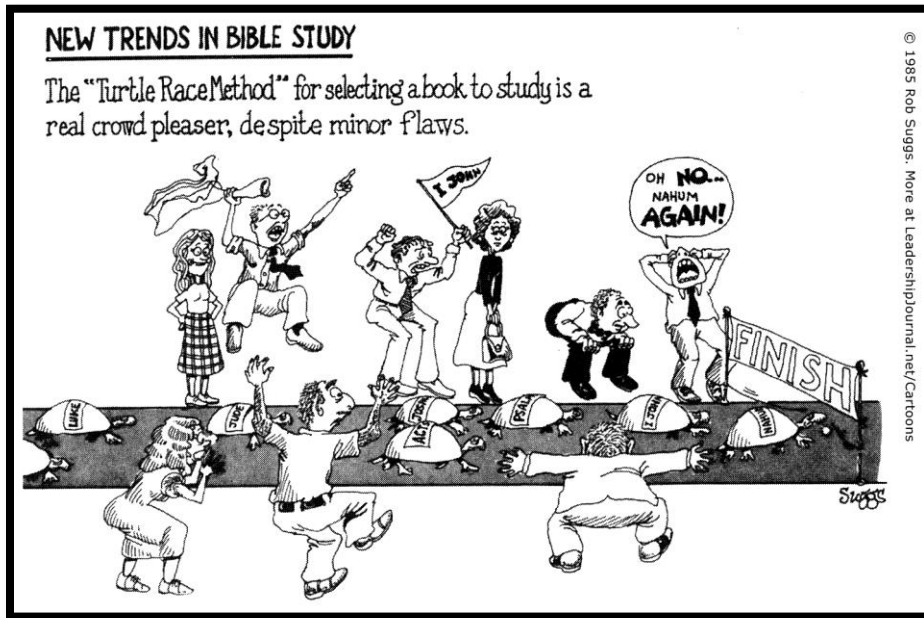
Hymn *"Speak, O Lord"* (Getty)

We are Encouraged and Blessed by God

Benediction *"Go Now in Peace"* (Besig and Price)



AN EXTRA PLACE AT THE TABLE for JANUARY
TUNA is the #1 need at the moment



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WELCOME TO KPC!

Hi there! We're 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, 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 year, our theme is THE STORY. We will be reading through the Bible, getting to know the Bible, and know God's story...and our own. We're encouraging you to participate fully, by reading the Bible - and letting the Bible read you! This morning, Pastor Chris introduces the theme, and explains how it will unfold for 2017.



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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 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.



*Welcome
To our Church*

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: Tom & Jenny Sangster; Troy & Julie Stellingwerff
Children's Greeter: Heather & Amy Jennings
Youth Group Snack: Fern Maedel

NEXT WEEK:

Greeters: Jeff & Brenda Stewardson;
Robert & Marcia Minielly
Children's Greeters: Marie Clark
Youth Group Snack: Pauline Matheson



TALK

TUESDAY

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

"BRAVE NEW WORLD" – a discussion about a book written by Aldous Huxley between WW 1 and WW2 that has truth to tell

us today. Come and learn about the book and the themes it raises, and how our faith informs and gives us hope in our own "Brave New World". Reading the book will enhance your experience. See Pastor Chris for more info.

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4.00 – 5.30 Youth Group
7.00 – 8.30 Tuesday Talk “Brave New World”

Wednesday 7.00 p.m. Water’s Edge

Thursday 9.30 a.m. Grand Bend Health Centre Coffee
Group special guest from the “Alzheimer’s Society”

Sunday 9.30 a.m. Worship and KID CONNECTION

THE STORY: CHAPTER 1 THE BEGINNING

*The Bible as One Continuing Story
of God and His People.*

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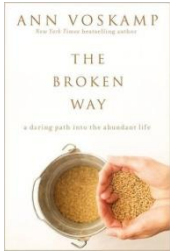
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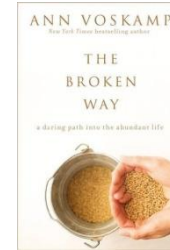
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