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*A worship series in Ephesians*

**“Brought  
to Belong”**



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# EASTER 2018 HERO:

**The Death Defying Mission of Jesus**

*\* please stand as you are able*

## THE CHURCH GATHERS

### THE REASON WE ARE HERE

The Easter Story *Matthew 28:1-20*

Welcome!

We Prepare to Worship...in song

*"Christ the Lord is Risen Today!" (Wesley) 182 LUYH 3 v*

We Prepare to Worship...in silent prayer

## TO WORSHIP GOD

Call to Worship **EASTER CROSS LITANY insert**

Response *"He is Lord!"*

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

\*Hymn of Praise *"Come, People of the Risen King!" (Getty)*

The Basics of our Faith *The Apostles' Creed*

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

For Younger Worshippers

\*Song *"Alive, Alive!" (Traditional)*

## We Prepare to Hear God's Word

Scripture *selected verses from Revelation and Matthew*  
Message

## WE RESPOND IN FAITH

\*Hymn *"How Great is Our God" (Tomlin)*

We Gather at the Table of the Risen Lord

Hymn *"Behold the Lamb/Table of the King"*

We Share Bread and Cup in Celebration of Christ!

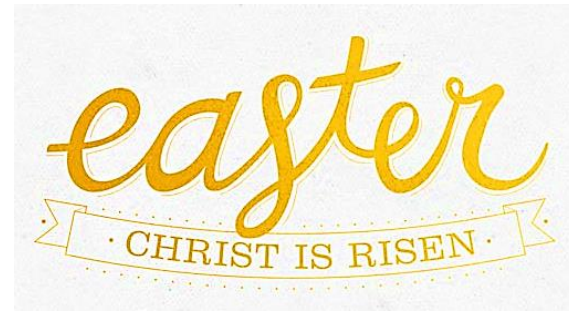
## WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS, WE GO TO SERVE

\*Hymn *"Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!" (Getty)*  
*Offering received during this final hymn*

We Receive God's Blessing

Closing *"Alive, Alive!"*





### **AN EXTRA PLACE AT THE TABLE**

**Contact House is grateful for the support received this year from our KPC family. Macaroni and spaghetti, soup, canned vegetables, shampoo, dish soap, laundry soap, hand soap and plastic bottles to divide larger quantities of soap up are all welcome items!**



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### ***FAITH JOURNEY BELONG to BELIEVE***

If you are at a place in your faith journey where you would like to explore making a personal commitment to Christ, be baptized, or renew your baptism, Pastor Chris would love to talk with you. In June we would love to bless and encourage you, and have the opportunity for you to take that step of faith.

## **PUBLICATION OF BANNES**

It is with great joy that we publish the bannes for marriage for Cassandra Michelle Herrington and Jordan Stephen Hawkes, both of Thedford, Ontario. The wedding is to take place at Knox Church on May 5, 2018. If anyone can show just cause why these two people may not be lawfully united in marriage, let that person declare it in writing to the Rev. Dr. Christine O'Reilly. This is the first publication of the bannes.

*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!*

### **HERO: The Death Defying Ministry of Jesus**

It's not a bird or a plane. It's not Superman, either. It's not an April Fool's prank. It is Jesus Christ, the Risen Lord, the King of Kings, the Lion of Judah, on His death defying mission to save us and all the world. **CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN, INDEED! HERO! HE ROSE!**



## 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 on the first Sunday of the month! 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: Steve & Jeanette Stellingwerff, Blair Williamson

Children's Greeter: Heather Frayne

Youth Group Snack: NO YOUTH GROUP THIS WEEK

## **NEXT WEEK:**

Greeters: Mary Lou Glenn, Dianne Rice, Karen Alberti

Children's Greeter:

Youth Group Snack: NO YOUTH GROUP THIS WEEK

## **BE A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT!**



We are looking for someone to serve as a correspondent on behalf of the congregation with the Montgomery family in Uganda, missionaries we support through Mission Aviation Fellowship. As you know, the Montgomerys are from Forest, and have visited us several times.

Would you be willing to send real mail from time to time? Cards for birthdays, holidays, etc.? We will cover the cost of postage, cards etc. Please approach Pastor Chris for details.

**WOMEN'S EVENT**  
**MAY 12 Legacy Centre, Thedford**  
**9 a.m. – 1.30 p.m.**

Sherry Stahl is from Leamington, Ontario and is the author of several books including *Water in the Desert*, which chronicles her life as she travelled the desert road of divorce and helped her daughter through debilitating depression. She will be sharing her story and offering words of hope and encouragement. It is going to be an amazing day, so make sure you set it aside. Led by Junction Church, Forest. Tickets available from Brenda Stewardson and Ravell Insurance, Forest.



# Here's what's happening!

- Tuesday 1.30 p.m. Knox Knitters**  
**Wednesday 12.30 p.m. @ KPC ALPHA bring your lunch**  
**6.30 p.m. ALHPA @ 7745 Alfred Street,**  
**Port Franks supper provided!**  
**Thursday 4.00 p.m. B2B CLUB tutoring**  
**Sunday 9.30 a.m. Worship and KID CONNECTION**  
**'I HAVE MY DOUBTS'**  
*The Story of Thomas*

**Coming in April:**

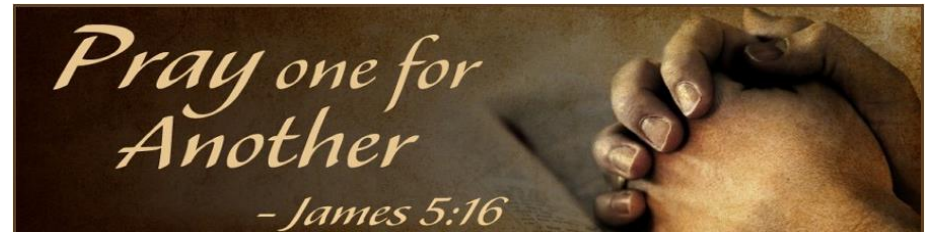
- April 8: Souper Sunday** after worship with Loraine Warnock, who will share pictures and stories of her mission trip to Nicaragua
- April 15: Guest preacher Barry Van Dusen** while Pastor Chris is visiting her brother
- April 22: Pastor Chris** will preach on a "one chapter" book of the Bible
- April 29: RURAL LIFE SUNDAY**



**Wednesdays 12.30 – 1.45/2.00 p.m.  
Bring Your lunch; beverages supplied!  
at KPC**

**Wednesdays “Water’s Edge” 6.30 – 8.00 p.m.  
Supper supplied!  
7745 Alfred Street, Port Franks**

**BOTH ALPHA groups will meet together for a one day retreat on Sunday, April 29, after worship. We will spend the day at the Southcott Pines Clubhouse, share brunch and supper together. We will finish by 6.30 p.m.**



We are re-forming the prayer team ministry at KPC, and so are inviting all those who feel called by the Holy Spirit to serve as prayer warriors to let Pastor Chris know of your interest.

Prayer Team members need to be people with compassion, able to keep prayer requests confidential, and will pray with integrity and commitment, bringing people, needs and thanksgivings before the Lord.

Men and women, older youth and adults are welcome to speak to Pastor Chris. Please give this ministry opportunity to prayer and reflection, and let Chris know by Easter Sunday.

