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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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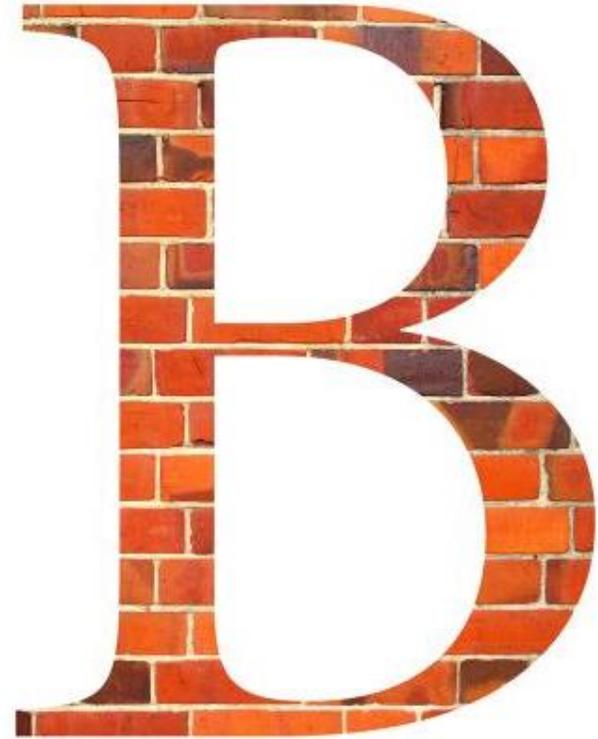
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A worship series in Ephesians

“BIG”

May 20, 2018

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**please stand as you are able*

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Welcome!

We Prepare to Worship...

In story

In song “Lord Most High” (Harris & Sadler)

“How Great is Our God” (Tomlin)

We Prepare to Worship...in silent prayer

TO WORSHIP GOD

Call to Worship from Psalm 9:1-2, 145:1,2

One: We will praise You, LORD, with all our heart;
We will tell of all the marvelous things You have done.

ALL: We will be filled with joy because of You.

We will sing praises to Your name, O Most High.

We will praise You, our God and King,

and bless Your name each day and forever.

*Response “Your Name” (Baloche & Packiam)

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

*Hymn of Praise “Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven” (Lyte)

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

GOD SPEAKS TO US

A Question of Faith from the Belhar Confession

For Younger Worshippers

*Song “My God is So Big” (Traditional)

“Lord, I Pray” (Keegstra-DeBoer)

We Prepare to Hear God’s Word

Scripture 2 Chronicles 7:11-16 (p. 359)

Psalm 103 (p. 489)

Ephesians 3:14-21 (p. 953)

Message

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*Hymn “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” v.1 (Scrivens)

“He Will Hold Me Fast” (Getty)

Prayers of the People “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” insert

Offering and Dedication

WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS, WE GO TO SERVE

*Hymn “The Lord is My Salvation” (Getty)

We Receive God’s Blessing

Closing Song “Go Now in Peace”



WELCOME!

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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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!

“B” is our current worship series, going through the letter to the early Christians in the city of Ephesus; ancient words that echo to our own time. Ephesians. So far, Ephesians has set a solid foundation for us to know more of God's plan for us, because of His love for us – something Paul prays for us, as in our text for this morning. We are blessed to overhear Paul's prayer – a prayer for believers in every place and time...

a **BIG** prayer to a very **BIG** God



Mrs. Riley forgets to check the volume control and catches Pastor Smith off guard.



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: Herman & Eleanor Bientema,
Ruth Slaughter, Ruth Hughes

Children's Greeter: Loraine Warnock

Nursery Ministry: Loraine Warnock

Youth Group Snack: Opportunity to Serve

NEXT WEEK:

Greeters: Frank & Mary Turner, The Jennings Family

Children's Greeter: Opportunity to Serve

Nursery Ministry: Alice Francis

Youth Group Snack: Shirley Jamieson



**DARLENE SHEPPARD,
OUR NEW FOREIGN
CORRESPONDENT!**

Darlene has felt called to serve as our correspondent with the Montgomery family! Thank you, Darlene!!

FAITH JOURNEY BELONG to BELIEVE



New members class will take place on Wednesday, May 30, 7 p.m. here at the church. Anyone who wants to know about KPC, what we believe, and what matters to us, is welcome to join us! New members will be welcomed on Sunday, June 10th. There's room for you, if you wish to renew your faith commitment, or profess your faith for the first time, or seek baptism. No obligation - join us!



The building project is progressing as you can see! We are grateful for the interest and support shown by our church family and the community! We are pleased to let the congregation know that we have adjusted the plans to allow the elevator to cover the main and upper floor of the addition. Funding is already in hand, and this will help get ahead of the elevator overhaul we would be required to undertake in the near future.



Tuesday 1.30 p.m. Knox Knitters
4.00 p.m. Youth Group
Thursday 6.30 p.m. ALPHA 2 - Water's Edge
Saturday evening Spanish Workers Ministry
Sunday 9.30 a.m. Worship and KID CONNECTION
"B" Ephesians 4:1-16

Lemonade on the Lawn begins today!

During the summer months, we enjoy a weekly chat over lemonade or ice tea on the front lawn under the maple trees. Join us, and if you would be willing, sign up to host a Sunday. Food is not necessary, but fellowship is!

SIGN UP SHEET will be passed around today.



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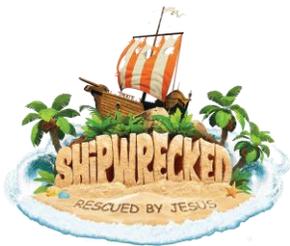
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