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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 WAITING ROOM WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?



"WHILE-U-WAIT"

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018

ADVENT 1 "WHILE-U-WAIT"

**please stand as you are able*

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Welcome!

We Prepare to Worship...

In a story

In song "He Came Down" "I Will Wait for You"

In silent prayer

TO WORSHIP GOD

Call to Worship **ADVENT 1: CANDLE OF HOPE**

*Response "I Will Wait for You" (chorus)

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

Assurance of God's Love and Mercy

*Hymn of Praise "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" (Wesley)

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



GOD SPEAKS TO US

For Younger Worshippers

*Song "Here We are A-Waiting" (Traditional Spiritual, adapted)

We Prepare to Hear God's Word

Scripture *Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1; 3:16-19 (p. 757)*

I Thessalonians 5:1-11 (p. 966)

Psalm 130 (insert)

Message

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*Hymn "I Will Wait for You" (Getty)

Prayers of the People

Offering and Dedication

WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS, WE GO TO SERVE

*Hymn "Once in Royal David's City" (Alexander)

We Receive God's Call and Blessing

Closing Song "Go Now In Peace"





Live!
2018

AN EXTRA PLACE AT THE TABLE

**It's time to start collecting items for Christmas!
Cranberry sauce (canned), stuffing mix, canned vegetables,
Canned gravy, gravy mix, Christmas theme napkins,
tablecloths, paper plates, cups, napkins**



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WELCOME!

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!

*And so it begins. That "waiting time" before Christmas, often filled with one-chocolate-a-day calendars, parties, food, elves on shelves, frazzled shoppers, concerts, and hearing "Have a Holly Jolly Christmas" a thousand times. Take heart – ADVENT is so much more than that! This is a waiting time – but what are we waiting for? And how do we wait? And why? This year, join us in **THE WAITING ROOM** ...and today, looking at **WHILE-U-WAIT**... what do we do?*



ONE SUNDAY IN ADVENT



ONE MONDAY IN ADVENT



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 to **KID CONNECTION** after the children's song. Children will rejoin us for the closing song. Feel free to accompany your child to the classroom and then return for the message once they are settled. **NURSERY** ministry for those under school age is available as well.

Washrooms are available throughout the building; on both levels of the addition, at the back entry, and in the hall downstairs, in the addition. There are **baby change stations** are located at the main street entryway, and in the main floor, new addition washroom and nursery area.



We have hearing assistance devices available. Just ask a greeter or the staff at the sound booth at the back. 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!" **PLEASE NOTE:**

Greeters, please arrange among yourselves for the back door to have a greeter after worship as well; thank people for coming, and relay any messages to Pastor Chris.

THIS WEEK:

GREETERS: Shirley Jamieson; Ruth Hughes; Ruth Slaughter
CHILDRENS' GREETER: Ruth Hughes
NO YOUTH GROUP SNACK THIS WEEK
NURSERY MINISTRY: Opportunity to Serve
COFFEE TIME:

NEXT WEEK:

GREETERS: Marion Tilford, Sonia Stanoyevic;
Robert & Marcia Minielly
CHILDRENS' GREETER: Any & Heather Jennings
YOUTH GROUP SNACK: Pauline Matheson
NURSERY MINISTRY: Opportunity to Serve





ADVENT-CHRISTMAS 2018

Mark your calendars for these gatherings to enrich and encourage you and your loved ones this season with message of Christ!

We will follow the LOS POSADAS tradition again at KPC, where Joseph and Mary travel from one home to the next in our KPC family! Sign up begins today!

December 2 THE GREAT ADVENTURE!

December 9 YA'LL COME CHOIR!

DECEMBER 16 COMMUNION

DECEMBER 19 A QUIET CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 20 THE LIVING NATIVITY

December 23 Kid Connection "Christmas Bells"
music ministry

DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

5.30 FOR TREATS AND CIDER

6.00 THE WAITING ROOM

**CANDLELIGHT, CAROLS,
AND CHRIST!**



Sunday after worship Y'All Come Choir rehearsal
3.00 p.m. The Great ADVENTURE!

Monday **6.30 p.m. WATER'S EDGE** at Jesse & Chris's home

Tuesday **1.30 p.m. Knox Knitters – Board Room**
4.00 p.m. Youth Group Pancake Night!

Wednesday 6.00 p.m. KPC Women (Knoxettes) *join together for a Christmas Pot-Luck supper at Widder Court (across the road) Dishes and beverages supplied!*

Thursday 10 – 11 a.m. SENIORS COFFEE GROUP BOARD Rm.
Working with North Lambton Community Health Centre, we are pleased to host a weekly coffee group for any seniors who wish to come!

7.00 p.m. S.A.F.E. group *(a support group for families with a loved one facing challenges with addiction- Support Among Friends Everlasting)*

Saturday **2.00 p.m. Youth Group Float decorating**
6.30 p.m. Thedford Santa Claus parade

Sunday **9.30 a.m. Worship and KID CONNECTION**
ADVENT 2

THE WAITING ROOM
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?



DECEMBER 2

3.00 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.

a fun gathering for our church family!

Join us to make your own simple Advent wreath, enjoy carolling around town via a horse drawn wagon hay ride, share a potluck supper together, and have an old fashioned Christmas gathering with singing and recitations! Something for ALL ages! If you are making an Advent wreath, please bring your own wreath base - wood or Styrofoam. We will supply candles, holders, and greenery. Anyone who can lend us hot glue guns, please do so! Thanks!



KPC YOUTH are putting a float in the Thedford Santa Claus parade this year, instead of going to the Teddy Bear Toss game in Sarnia! The theme is REDNECK CHRISTMAS, so we will do a REDNECK NATIVITY scene.

The group will collect stuffed toys for the Salvation Army, and non perishable food for Contact House!

We will be grateful for donations of those items - and of anything we can use to help decorate the float, Saturday afternoon at 3 p.m. Ideas would include: some old wooden chairs for Mary & Joe to sit on, a dresser drawer for the manger, a barrel or two, bushel baskets for collecting the stuffed toys, etc.

CHRISTMAS
PARADE