



May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

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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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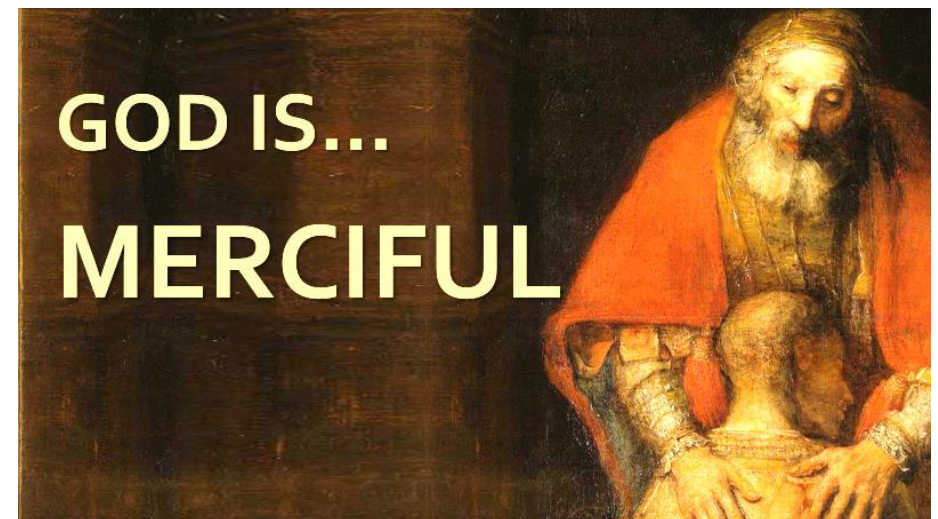
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**GOD, OUR HOPE:
THE CHARACTER OF GOD**

Sunday, February 10, 2019
GOD OUR HOPE

"GOD IS...MERCIFUL"

**please stand as you are able*

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Welcome!

We Prepare to Worship...

In a story

In song *"Shout to the Lord"* *(Zschech)*

In silent prayer

TO WORSHIP GOD

Call to Worship *based on Jeremiah 17 and Lamentations 3*

One: Blessed are those who trust in the LORD and have
made the LORD their hope and confidence

**ALL: Hope returns when we remember this one thing:
The LORD's unfailing love and mercy still continue,
Fresh as the morning, as sure as the sunrise.
The LORD is all we have, and so in Him we hope.**

*Response *"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"* *(Founds)*

*Prayer of Approach; The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn of Praise *"Great is Thy Faithfulness"* *(Chisholm)*

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

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Welcoming Alastair Soetemans through Baptism
For Younger Worshippers

*Song *"Jesus Loves Me"* *(Warner)*

We Prepare to Hear God's Word

Scripture *Psalms 23 –insert, King James version*
Luke 15:11- 33 (p. 848)

Message

Prayer of Confession; Assurance of God's Love and Mercy

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*Hymn *"His Mercy is More"* *(Boswell and Papa)*

Prayers of the People

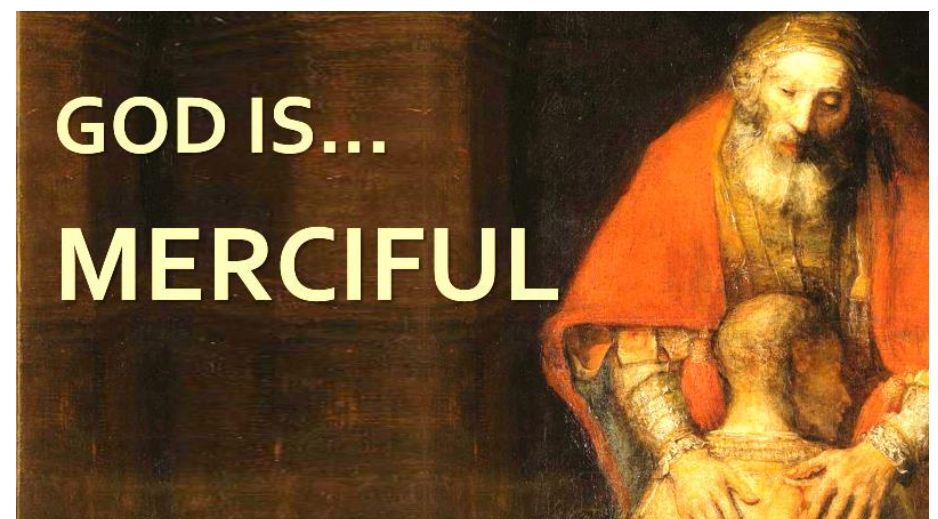
Offering and Dedication

WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS, WE GO TO SERVE

*Hymn *"He Will Hold Me Fast"* *(Habershon/Merker)*

We Receive God's Call and Blessing

Closing Song *"Go Now In Peace"*



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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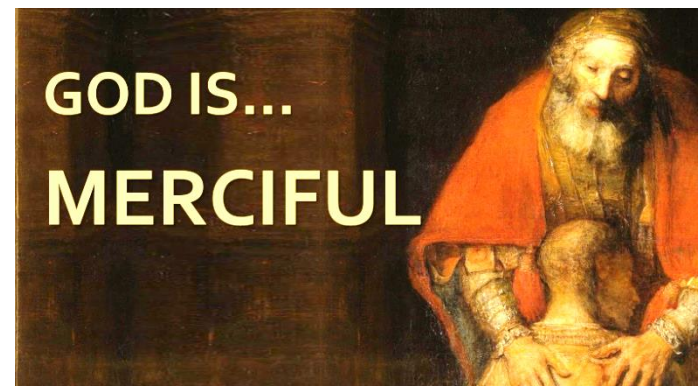
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Good Morning!

Welcome to worship! 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!

Our theme this year is **HOPE**, based on Romans 15:13, which begins "May the God of Hope fill you..." . In the next few weeks, we'll come to know the "God of Hope" – why we can put our hope in Him, why God gives us the hope we (and the world!) so desperately need. Today – our hope is in a God who is **MERCIFUL**. We all need – and want – mercy, as much as we speak about wanting justice and fairness – what we really want and need is mercy. In a familiar story, we see God's **MERCY** that gives us all hope.



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 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 elevator entry, and in the hall below the sanctuary. There are **baby change stations** 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:

CHILDREN'S GREETER: Janessa O'Neill

NURSERY MINISTRY: opportunity to serve

YOUTH GROUP SNACK: Heather Jennings

NEXT WEEK:

GREETERS: Peggy Smith and Josie Ansems;

John and Debbie Gilliard

CHILDREN'S GREETER: opportunity to serve

NURSERY MINISTRY: opportunity to serve

YOUTH GROUP SNACK: Kim Arnel

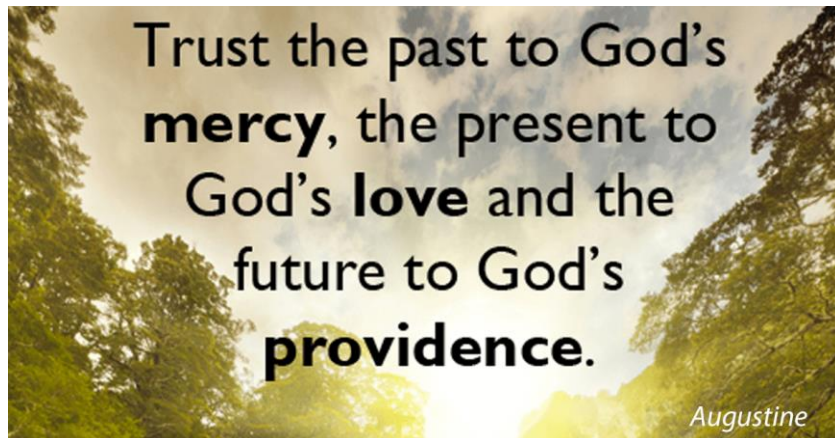




STARTS WEDNESDAY, FEB. 13 1.30 – 3.00 p.m.
“IT’S NOT SUPPOSED TO BE THIS WAY” small group study
this will be a very encouraging, uplifting study!

SATURDAY, FEB. 16 8.30 -10 a.m. “SOUL CARE”
Join Pastor Chris for a time of teaching and learning about caring for your soul. We will have some muffins, fruit, coffee, tea, juice and water to begin, and consider how to grow and go deeper in our relationship with God. We’ll meet once a month, and practice what we’ve learned. This session will be about EXAMEN – come and find out about this ancient and encouraging holy habit!

WATER’S EDGE – look for a message as we determine our meeting day for the next series!



Tuesday 1.30 p.m. Knox Knitters

4.00 p.m. KPC Junior Youth

Wednesday 1.30 p.m. IT'S NOT SUPPOSED TO BE THIS WAY study

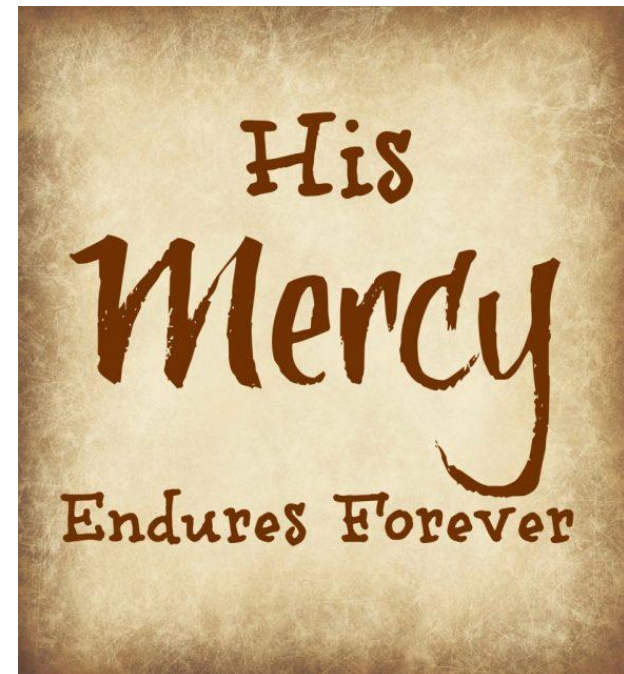
Thursday 10 – 11 a.m. SENIORS COFFEE GROUP BOARD Rm.

Working with North Lambton Community Health Centre, we are pleased to host a weekly coffee group for any seniors who wish to come!

Saturday 8.30 a.m. SOUL CARE gathering

Sunday 9.30 a.m. Worship and KID CONNECTION

GOD IS...SUFFICIENT





“IT’S NOT SUPPOSED TO BE THIS WAY” BY LYSA TERKEURST
Reality often ends us so very far from the life we long for, doesn’t it? Bible teacher Lysa TerKeurst deeply and personally understands daily disappointments and life-altering loss. By walking through her own valley, she’s discovered that in God we can find unexpected strength as we wrestle well between our faith and feelings.

This 6 week study will begin on February 13, 1.30 -3.00 p.m.
Study guides are available today, on the RESOURCE TABLE at each entry.

A Bible study, going through the book of Philippians, will begin on March 27, 1.30 – 3.00 p.m. Bring a notebook and your Bible!

GRIEF SHARE begins on March 6, 7.00 p.m.

SOUL CARE mini-retreats will begin February 16; 8.30 – 10 a.m., in the Board Room. Refreshments (coffee, tea, juice and muffins/fruit will be provided.) We will meet once a month. If you want to experience some deeper faith practices, silence, journaling, listening, this gathering is for you! Contact Pastor Chris for more details.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING –
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2019**
after worship – pot luck lunch!

Come celebrate with us!

Watch a video of our church family through 2018!

Hear the latest on “GROW TO SERVE”!

Help your church family move forward in joy and faith for 2019 and beyond!

