

OUR MISSION - OUR VISION

Transforming lives through relationship with God and one another
Wesley-Knox - a vibrant Christian community striving to live gratefully,
deepen faith and reach out to God's world

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018

Advent 3

Proclaiming the Word: Kim Eyre
Piano: Richard Yake, Owen Spicer, Brian Ratcliffe
Timpani: Karen Pincombe

VOLUNTARY:

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WORDS OF WELCOME LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

WE APPROACH GOD

*(The * is an invitation to rise in body or in spirit)*

PRELUDE: May My Light Shine Mayo

* HYMN: 48 "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"

* CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Do you hear them? The angels are singing!

All: Like the angels, we too sing out with joy and praise!

One: They sing of the Child who is born in Bethlehem.

All: Jesus, our Emmanuel. The Prince of Peace. May we open our hearts to welcome Him.

One: They sing of the One who brings light and life. Do you hear them?

All: Hark! The herald angel sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"

PRAYER OF APPROACH

WE LIGHT THE CANDLE OF HOPE: The Lardner Family

HYMN: 6 "A Candle Is Burning"

***A candle is burning, a candle of joy,
a candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy.
Our hearts fill with wonder, and eyes light and glow
As joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.***

PRIMARY CHOIR: Come And See The Tiny King Besig

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:1-20

One: For the Word of God in scripture, among us and within us.

All: Thanks be to God.

JUNIOR CHOIR: Sing Out With Joy Patterson

CHILDREN'S HYMN: 73 "The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy" (vs 1,2)

MESSAGE:

CHILDREN'S HYMN: 73 (vs 3)

ANTHEM: Cantate! arr Leavitt

WE RESPOND TO GOD

* HYMN: 38 "Angels We Have Heard On High"

PRESENTATIONS OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

MYSTERIUM: Carol of the Bells Leontovich

* OFFERTORY RESPONSE AND PRAYER: 539
***God of all good, our gifts we bring to you,
use them your holy purpose to fulfil;
tokens of love and pledges brought anew
that our whole life is offered to your will.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

* HYMN: 59 "Joy to the World"

*** COMMISSIONING & RESPONSE: 298**

*When you walk from here,
when you walk from here,
walk with justice, walk with mercy,
and with God's humble care.*

POSTLUDE: God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen arr Held

Welcome Visitors: We welcome those of you who are visiting with us today and invite you to sign our guest books located on the back tables. If you wish office attention, please sign one of the Pew Cards and place it on the offering plate. After the service, please join us downstairs in the Social Hall for coffee, served by Leadership Council.

There are activity packs for children who wish to colour during the service. Please return the packs to the table after the service, Thank you!

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TODAY

Jr. Youth Group - 12:00 - Social Hall

THIS WEEK

In your personal prayers please pray for all of the Wesley-Knox folk who will be staffing the Salvation Army Kettles this year. Pray that their friendliness, enthusiasm, and joy might be felt by all who pass by and that they might inspire people to give. Pray that the proceeds from all of the kettles this year are plentiful enough to ensure that no one in London goes without this Christmas, and pray for all who will benefit from the generosity of others.

Tuesday, December 18 -

Moms & Tots - 9:30 a.m. - SS Room

Wednesday, December 19 -

Seniors Group - 12:00 p.m. - Social Hall - Christmas Luncheon followed by entertainment with the "Clarinet Aficionados"

Leadership Council - 7:00 p.m. - Parlour

Bells - 6:30 p.m. - SS Rm.

Thursday, December 20 -

Primary Choir - Gr. 1-3 - 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Junior Boys' Choir - Gr. 4-7/8 - 4:45 - 5:30 p.m.

Junior Girls' Choir - Gr. 4-7/8 - 5:15 - 6:00 p.m.

Mysterium - Gr. 8/9 - University - 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Senior Choir - 7:30 p.m. - Parlour

Friday, December 21 -

Moms & Tots - 9:30 a.m. - SS Room

GENERAL

Get Your Christmas Chocolate here! Unique and delicious Rheo Thompson Chocolate Mint Smoothies (both milk and dark chocolate) are available for only \$2.50 each! Proceeds fund the Children's Choir Program. Get yours at coffee hour!

Christmas Cards available in the hall outside the office and the stairwell. Cost is \$1.00. Please help support the UCW outreach programs.

Gifts to Wesley-Knox

As we approach the season of Christmas when gift giving is a tradition, we ask that you consider donating an additional gift to Wesley-Knox. Your generosity will assist in ensuring that we are able to continue to support the numerous vibrant and active programs that take place within our church building and beyond.

We invite you to make this Special Christmas gift in keeping with your financial ability, and out of gratitude for all of God's blessings. All donations made to Wesley-Knox qualify for the generous incentives provided by the Canadian tax system in the form of tax credits for charitable givings.

Thank you for your generosity and support.

Great Christmas Gift Idea! Our wonderful Junior Choir will be singing "O Canada" at the London Lightnings Basketball Game against the Windsor Express on Sunday, February 10th at 2:00 p.m. We have 200 tickets to sell for this game. This is THE Major Fundraiser for our choir program and pays for choir robes, accompanists, choir crosses, office supplies, equipment and many other things! Tickets are only \$18. You can get them downstairs at Coffee Hour!

Mittens, Hats Scarves and Socks

Now that the cool weather is here, our guests at the Out of the Cold meals and Community Breakfasts will be needing warm hats, mitts, scarves and socks to help see them through the winter months. We plan to start distributing these items in December, and continue into January at all Community meal programs. If you are a knitter, you will find balls of wool in the plastic bins at the back of the sanctuary. Please help yourself. If you don't knit, you might consider donating wool or warm socks. The Mitten Tree is up for you to display your creations. The folks at Wesley-Knox are always so generous. Thank you !

As part of worship or other events at Wesley-Knox, we sometimes take photos to share with our community. These photos may be used Wesley-Knox's Facebook Page, Website, Newsletter, bulletin boards and/or our annual pictorial review. If you DO NOT wish your photo to be used, please let us know by contacting the Communications Team at

communications@wesleyknox.com

USED EYEGLASSES - you may have noticed a new addition to the table outside Heather's office - A box for collecting used eyeglasses. Our local Lions club has been collecting used eye wear to send overseas. Last year they shipped over 8,000 pairs to the sorting center in Calgary. Please note the cases cannot be re-used. If you have any questions please call me - Marilyn Bratti - 519-438-4346.

The United Church Observer - If you wish to receive the Observer, please put \$25.00 in an envelope, marked "Observer" along with your name and place it on the collection plate.

Events in Worship

December 23 Advent 4, Handbells
Night Passed - 7:00 p.m.
December 24 Christmas Eve - 7:00 p.m.
Candlelight Communion -
10:00 p.m.
December 30 Lessons & Carols - 10:30 a.m.
January 6 Epiphany
