

## 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 23, 2018

Advent 4

Proclaiming the Word: Mike Ryan  
Flute: Kim Eyre  
Piano: Mallory Brennan & Brian  
Soloist: Ai-Linn Chua  
Handbells: Cathie Banks, director

**VOLUNTARY:** Carol of the Shepherds arr Thomas Gregory  
Silent Night arr Thomas Gregory

## WE GATHER TOGETHER

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**WORDS OF WELCOME**  
**LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH**

## WE APPROACH GOD

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

**PRELUDE:**

\* **HYMN:** 36 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: Friends, come and worship; worship Christ the new-born King.

**All:** *Like the angels we come to proclaim the news that the  
Messiah has been born.*

One: Come and worship; worship Christ the new-born King.

**All:** *Like the shepherds we come in search of the One who God  
promised.*

One: Come and worship; worship Christ the new-born King.

**All:** *Like the wise-ones we bring our gifts to celebrate the child  
who is born for us.*

One: With all that we are and all that we are becoming, we come to  
worship...

**All:** *worship Christ the new-born King!*

## PRAYER OF APPROACH

**WE LIGHT THE CANDLE OF HOPE:** Marilynne McNeil and  
John McFall

**HYMN:** 6 "A Candle Is Burning"

*A candle is burning, a candle of love,  
a candle to point us to heaven above.  
A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth,  
for Jesus is bringing God's love to our earth.*

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** Carol of the Bells arr Cathy Mocklebust

## WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

**CHILDREN'S HYMN:** 9 "People, Look East" (vs 1-3)

**LEARNING WITH GOD'S CHILDREN AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**CHILDREN'S HYMN:** 9 (vs 4,5)

**ANTHEM:** Breath of Heaven arr Craig Courtney

**SCRIPTURE:** Matthew 1:18-25

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

**All:** *Thanks be to God.*

**REFLECTION**

**SILENT REFLECTION**

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

\* **HYMN:** 62 "Once in Royal David's City"

**PRESENTATIONS OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Bells Peal on How Great Our Joy

arr Linda Lamb

**\* 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:** 91 "The First Nowell" (vs 3 women and children only  
vs 4 men only)

**\* 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:** Earth Shall Ring arr Margaret Tucker

**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 Unit #4.

**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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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2018**

**TODAY**

**Night Passed** - 7:00 p.m. - Sanctuary

**THIS WEEK**

***In your personal prayers this week***, please pray for those for whom the holidays will be difficult this year. We each have people on our hearts for whom this Holy Season will be a painful reminder of loss. Pray that God may enter into their hearts and shine the light of Christ in healing ways.

Monday, December 24 -

**Christmas Eve Service** - 7:00 p.m. - Sanctuary

**Candlelight Communion** - 10:00 p.m. - Sanctuary

**GENERAL**

***Holiday Office Hours***

Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> - 8:30 - 11:30

Thursday, December 27<sup>th</sup> - 8:30 - 3:30

Friday, December 28<sup>th</sup> - 8:30 - 11:30.

Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup> - 8:30 - 11:30

Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8:30 - 3:30

Friday, January 4<sup>th</sup> - 8:30 - 11:30

***No Sunday School*** on December 30<sup>th</sup> but the Nursery will be open.

***SWELL*** Youth Service - Friday January 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00

***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 !

***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.

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

***Peter and Merry Wester*** would like to thank all those that made donations to the memorial fund and sent cards in memory of Marie Wester.

***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 10<sup>th</sup> 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!

***Cheesy Announcement***

Your support of our Cheese Sales resulted in a profit of \$771 for the Out of the Cold meal program. Thank you Wesley-Knox. Watch for our "Souper Sunday" lunch fundraiser in February.

***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!

**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](mailto: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.

***Events in Worship***

December 30	Lessons & Carols - 10:30 a.m.
January 6	Epiphany Roxanne Andrighetti and Kevin White, duet
January 20	Glen Pearson, preaching
January 27	Karlene Kimber, preaching
February 3	Communion
February 10	General Meeting Sing on Sisters!

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