

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 9, 2018

Advent 2 - Pageant

Pianist:

Richard Yake

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:

* **HYMN:** 18 "There's a Voice in the Wilderness"

CALL TO WORSHIP: (All of the prayers in today's service have been written by the grade 7 & 8 classes)

PRAYER OF APPROACH

WE LIGHT THE CANDLE OF HOPE: Max Bridgen & Ron Holt

HYMN: 6 "A Candle Is Burning"

*A candle is burning, a candle of peace,
a candle to signal that conflict must cease:
for Jesus is coming to show us the way;
a message of peace humbly laid in the hay.*

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE: The Christmas Story

THE CHILDREN'S PAGEANT

91 The First Nowell

1 The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain:

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.

2 They looked up and saw a star,
shining in the east, beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night. **R**

69 Away in a Manger

1 Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

2 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus: look down from the sky
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

3 Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay
close by me for ever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

59 Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
let earth receive her King!
Let every heart prepare him room,

and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and
heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

- 2 Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns:
let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

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LEARNING WITH GOD'S CHILDREN

WE RESPOND TO GOD

PRESENTATIONS OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

* 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: 35 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

* 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:

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 the Breakfast Team.

A big Thank You to Faewyn Stark for the amazing job on the bulletin cover.

GENERAL

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

Come hear our Senior Choir sing in the Emmanuel Christmas concert at St. Paul's Cathedral, London, with the CCH Chamber Choir, El Sistema strings, Western Brass and Owen Spicer on the organ. December 9th at 3:00 p.m. No tickets—it's Free!

THIS WEEK

Monday, December 10 -

UCW Annual Christmas General Meeting - 5:30 p.m. - Social Hall - Please bring a donation for the food bank.

Reaching Out - 7:00 p.m. - Parlour

Tuesday, December 11 -

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

Card Making - 1:30 p.m. - Social Hall

Wednesday, December 12 -

Seniors Group - 1:00 p.m. - Parlour

Faith Formation - 6:30 p.m. - Chapel

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

Thursday, December 13 -

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 14 -

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

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

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 !

Cheese Pick-up day is Monday, December 10th between 1:00 and 7:00 p.m.

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

Seniors' Connection Christmas Turkey Luncheon, December 19th at 12:00 in the Social Hall with special entertainment. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Please contact Paul Stewart by Wednesday, December 12th at 519-432-0040 if you are interested in attending.

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.

You are invited to a special celebration, celebrating Middlesex Presbytery Resource Centre and more than 40 years of ministry, Tuesday December 11th from 2-4:00 p.m. Closing ceremony is at 3:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Sharanne at 519-434-6427 no later than December 6th.

Events in Worship

December 16 Advent 3, Choir Sunday
Intergenerational Service
December 23 Advent 4, Bells
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

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