

## **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

## **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - PEACE** **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017**

Prayers prepared by the 6,7,8 class

Piano: Mallory Brennan & 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:** 44 "It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

### \* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

### **PRAYER OF APPROACH**

### **WE LIGHT THE CANDLE OF PEACE - Avaline, Sophie & Mike Beck**

**SUNG RESPONSE:** 7 "Hope is a Star" (vs. 2)

*Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth,  
giving a promise of safety and worth*

*When God is a child, there's hope in our song.*

*The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,  
and none shall be afraid.*

**THE GIFT ONLY YOU CAN GIVE:** Nancy and Ian Hardie

## **WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

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

### **PAGEANT:**

Congregational Sing-Along (during the pageant)

Children's Worship

**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing** VU 48 (vs. 1)

### **Rudolph**

*Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer  
had a very shiny nose  
and if you ever saw it  
you would even say it glows.*

*All of the other reindeer  
used to laugh and call him names  
They never let poor Rudolph  
play in any reindeer games.*

*Then one foggy Christmas eve  
Santa came to say:  
"Rudolph with your nose so bright,  
won't you guide my sleigh tonight?"*

*Then all the reindeer loved him  
as they shouted out with glee,  
Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer,  
you'll go down in history!*

**Joy to the World** VU 59 (vs. 1, sing twice)

## **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.*

### **PRAYER OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

**HYMN:** 43 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

**\* 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.

**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 10, 2017**

**TODAY**

**Forget-Me-Nots** are ways of letting people know that they are on the hearts and minds of the Wesley-Knox community. Come to the Social Hall this morning after worship to create some Forget-Me-Nots or to sign up with Joanne Sutherland to send out Christmas greetings to those we want to remember.

**The senior youth group** is selling "Cookie mix jars" after church today. One jar costs \$8 or you can buy two for \$15. The money raised will be donated to Hannah Haworth to support her trip to South Sudan.

**THIS WEEK**

**In your personal prayers this week**, please pray for our choirs who are preparing to share the music of Christmas during worship next Sunday. Pray for the many people who offer leadership in the music programs and for the families who support all of the musicians.

Monday, December 11 -

**UCW Christmas Dinner** - 5:30 p.m. - Social Hall

Tuesday, December 12 -

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

**Shine** - 6:30 p.m. - SS Rm

Wednesday, December 13 -

**Senior's Connection** -1:00 p.m. - Parlour; Cards

**Blood Donor Clinic** - 3:30 - 6:00 p.m. - London Blood Donor Clinic at 820 Wharnccliffe Rd. S.

**Official Board Meeting** - 6:45 p.m. - Parlour

Thursday, December 14 -

**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** - 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Grade 9- University

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

Friday, December 15 -

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

**GENERAL**

***The Gifts That Only You Can Give: This Advent and Christmas what are the gifts that you can give from your heart?*** As we reflect on the gifts that come to us in Jesus, what are the gifts that we can share with God's world as we seek to make Christ's presence known?

*Perhaps*, invite someone to worship with you. Offer someone a ride to church during the Christmas Season. Help give life as you donate blood. Sign up for the Salvation Army Kettle. Give a gift from the "Gifts With Vision" catalogue. Take part in the "Forget-Me-Not" program by sending notes to those who are on our hearts this Christmas. Knit some mittens. Donate your gently-used coats, boots to Mission Services. Pray for those who are seeking hope and peace this year. **YOU** have so much to give!

**The senior youth group** will meet tonight at the church from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. We will head to Victoria Park to look at the lights. Please bring some money to buy a hot chocolate. The following Sunday (December 17th) will be our Christmas (potluck) party at the church. We will meet from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the church. We will have a secret santa gift exchange. (\$10 or less)

**SACK 2017** Appearing @ Metro (in our "hood" - Wellington & Commissioners) the week of 11-16 December will be Wesley-Knoxettes and Knoxers and friends, including our very own Four Shades. Join us as we do the "ripple effect" in Community.

***It's not too late to sign up for the Wesley-Knox Blood Donor Clinic*** being held this Wednesday, December 13th from 3:30-6:00 p.m. at the London Blood Donor Clinic - 820 Wharnccliffe Rd. S. This is a gift only you can give. Please contact Julie Smith at [julie.keeg@hotmail.com](mailto:julie.keeg@hotmail.com) or call 519-433-5362 to sign-up or come out Wednesday afternoon to support those who will be giving.

**The Final Wesley-Knox Official Board meeting** will be held this Wednesday, December 13. We will gather at 6:45 pm for refreshments. Share your memories of previous Board Meetings, be part of a group photo and participate in some special recognitions. Some important items of business will

also be covered that night.

**What do spoons, granola bars, V8 juice and ready-to-eat tuna have in common?** They are all great staples that are put in our Wesley-Knox Care Packages that are offered to those who come to our door in search of something to eat. On Sunday Dec. 17th after worship you can give the gift of your time as you help to pack up these bags. We are also looking for donations of non-perishable, individual serving: juices, crackers and cheese, granola bars, tuna snack-kits, pudding, apple sauce, protein and fruit/veggie snacks. Please bring these to the church before the 17th and join in the fun!

**A Gift That Only You Can Give** - on Wednesday, December 20 at 11:30 a.m. come out to a time of praying for those who are on our hearts during this season. Together we will offer prayers and share in Christmas hymns, remembering those we have lost and those who we long to lift up to God. If you cannot attend this time, but would like us to pray for someone specific, please call Rev. Tracy or Lisa Morris. Invite someone you love to join you at this gathering.

**Get your Rheo Thompson Chocolate Mint Smoothies** for only \$2.50 each after church at coffee hour! An important fundraiser for the Children's Choir Program, they make great little Christmas gifts!

**The donation candy cane** is now up to receive your knitted or purchased donations. These articles are distributed to the clients at the Community Breakfast and Out of the Cold Meals at Wesley-Knox.

**For Pastoral Care concerns**, please contact Lisa Morris, our Pastoral Care and Membership Coordinator, by Confidential Phone 519-673-4803, ext 204 or wesleyknoxpastoralcare@gmail.com

***A place where good things happen....***

2017 has been another year of growth at Wesley Knox. Together we have focused on expanding our ministry, our choirs, our senior's programs, and our youth and community programs. We strive to be a diverse, welcoming, caring and active faith community that makes a difference in the world.

As we approach the final few weeks of 2017 please remember Wesley Knox as you plan your charitable givings. Please consider what Wesley Knox means to you and what you can do to financially support all the good things that happen here at Wesley Knox.

At the November 12<sup>th</sup> service we asked every household to consider a special Christmas donation to Wesley Knox of \$200. We depend on your generosity and we thank you for every charitable donation, great or small, that you can give to support the life and work of Wesley Knox.

***Events in Worship***

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| December 17 | Choir Christmas Sunday, All Choirs<br>Night Passed Service at 7:00 p.m.  |
| December 24 | Advent 4 Service 10:30 a.m.<br>Christmas Eve Service with candles &<br>carols at 7:00 p.m.<br>Late Christmas Eve Service with<br>Communion at 10:00 p.m.<br>John McFall, Soloist |
| December 31 | Lessons & Carols; Rev. Tracy   |