

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - LOVE **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017**

Proclaiming the Word: Linda Olson
The Four Shades:
John McFall, Tony Haworth, Kevin White, 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: Fanfare for Christmas Day

* **HYMN:** 35 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Good Christian friends, rejoice! The day is almost here!
All: *We rejoice in the good news of a baby who will be born for us.*
One: A baby who God sends to bring hope, peace and joy to our world.
All: *A baby who will teach us what God's love really looks like.*
One: Good Christian friends, rejoice! The day is almost here!
All: *We rejoice and give thanks as we worship God today.*

PRAYER OF APPROACH

WE LIGHT THE CANDLE OF LOVE - Brophy - Fellner

SUNG RESPONSE: 7 "Hope is a Star" (vs.4)
Love is a flame that burns in our heart,

Jesus has come and will never depart.
When God is a child there's joy 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:

Lisa Morris

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC: Rise Up, Shepherds, and Follow

CHILDREN'S HYMN: 58 "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" (vs. 1)

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

CHILDREN'S HYMN: 58 (vs. 2)

ANTHEM: Night of Silence Kantor, arr Ferguson

SCRIPTURE: John 1:1-18
One: For the Word of God in scripture, among us and within us.
All: *Thanks be to God.*

MESSAGE:

Silent Reflection:

WE RESPOND TO GOD

* **HYMN:** 76 "See amid the Winter's Snow"

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: 38 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

*** 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 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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THIS WEEK

In your personal prayers this week, please pray for all those who will be travelling during this holiday season. Pray for their safe journey.

Office Hours: Please note that the office will be closed on December 25th and 26th
December 27th - 29th, 8:30 to 11:30.

GENERAL

Sunday January 14th - 9:15 Confirmation Breakfast with families and their faith partners.

“SOUP”ER SUNDAY Sunday, January 21st after church. Advanced tickets only - \$6 pp, \$20 per family. All proceeds to the Out of the Cold Meal program as Wesley-Knox United Church

Please Pick-up your 2018 Givings Envelopes from the back of the sanctuary. Due to cost restraints - please notice that some of the envelope numbers may have changed.

Growth Campaign Pledges for 2017

With the year swiftly coming to a close, there is still time to fulfill your 2017 pledge payment for the Wesley-Knox Growth Campaign. If you have any questions regarding the status of your pledge, please contact Sheila LeClair at sheila.m.leclair@rogers.com. Your support for the Growth Campaign has already made a difference to the many people who are impacted by Wesley-Knox and your generosity is truly appreciated. Remember that 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 all of your thoughtful wishes and gifts during my recent recovery. Heather Westbrook.

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!

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

Events in Worship	
January 7	Rev. Tom Hiscock preaching