

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, OCTOBER 29, 2017

Proclaiming the Word:
Piano:

Liz Dunlop
Brian Ratcliffe

VOLUNTARY: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (VU 262) - words and music by Martin Luther

This famous hymn, called The Battle Hymn of the Reformation, is played today in honour of the 500th anniversary of the Augustinian monk, Martin Luther, nailing his 95 *Theses* to the Castle Church door in Wittenberg, Germany, on October 31, 1517, thereby starting the Protestant Reformation, which transformed the Christian church and changed the course of history forever.

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:** 389 "God Is Here"

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We come to worship never knowing how we might encounter God.

All: *But we come trusting that in this place we will hear the Word of God and we will gather with God's people.*

One: We come knowing that in our prayer and our praise we will be open to God's Spirit.

All: *We come to experience God, and we know that when we do our lives will be forever changed.*

One: Thanks be to God!

PRAYER OF APPROACH

WESLEY-KNOX - A PLACE WHERE GOOD THINGS HAPPEN

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S HYMN: 606 "In Christ There Is No East or West" (vs. 1,2)

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

CHILDREN'S HYMN: 606 (vs. 3)

ANTHEM: He, Watching Over Israel

Mendelssohn

The text for this beloved chorus from the oratorio *Elijah* is taken from Psalm 121:4 "He, watching over Israel, slumbers not nor sleeps," and Psalm 138:7 "Shouldst thou, walking in grief, languish, He will quicken thee."

These two phrases of comfort are interwoven to great effect in Mendelssohn's soaring style.

SCRIPTURE: Acts 8:26-40

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

All: *Thanks be to God.*

MESSAGE:

WE RESPOND TO GOD

* **HYMN:** 371 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

PRESENTATIONS OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

A Mighty Fortress

* **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: 567 "Will You Come and Follow Me"

*** 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: A Mighty Fortress

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 Youth Group.

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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Thank you to all who contributed to this year's Fall Food Drive. Donations were distributed to needy families through the London Food Bank. Wesley-Knox is making a difference in people's lives.

The Senior youth group is heading off to go apple picking this afternoon at Great Lakes Farms near Union. There is also a corn maze and other activities to do there. On the way home we will stop for ice cream at Shaw's. We will be back at the church around 4:00 pm. Next week we will be taking up the collection for the Sudan concert. Please meet in the youth room at 6:30 pm.

Poinsettia orders will be taken by Unit #4 during coffee hour today and for the next two weeks. Exciting new colors are available and priced reasonably.

Salvation Army Christmas Kettle (S.A.C.K.)

Monday, December 11th to Saturday, December 16th. Contact Richard at 519-438-1597 for more information.

Wesley-Knox Men will meet for breakfast on Sunday, Nov. 5 at the Family Circle restaurant at 8:30 a.m. All men of the congregation are welcome. Feel free to bring a guest.

Congregational Meeting - Sunday November 5th after worship, in the sanctuary, to discuss a change in the Wesley-Knox Governance Structure.

Thursday Choir Security - Volunteers needed each and every Thursday to provide security for our choir program. Please consider helping for a few Thursdays. Timing is 4:20-6:00 p.m. Sign up with Cathie during coffee time, or add your name to the list on the Stewardship bulletin board.

The **KAREN SCHUESSLER SINGERS** kicks off the celebration of its 25th Season with **SILVER JUBILATION** on **Saturday, November 18 at 8:00 p.m.** Featuring Gjeilo's shining metaphysical journey from heaven to earth "**Sunrise Mass**" with string orchestra, and Handel's sparkling and triumphant "**Dettingen Te Deum**" with soloists Gabrielle Baerg, Chris Fischer and Giles Tomkins, and full orchestra. Tickets are \$20 (adults), \$18 (seniors), in advance or \$25, \$23 at the door; Students \$10; Children 6-13, Free (when accompanied by an adult). Get your tickets today at Coffee Hour.

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THIS WEEK

In your personal prayers this week please pray for Canadian Aid for Southern Sudan and the many musicians who will lend their gifts for the fund-raiser on Nov. 5th. Pray that people might respond to the needs in Sudan with prayer and intention, and that lives might be changed as a result.

Monday, October 30 -

Tuesday, October 31 -

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

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

Wednesday, November 1 -

Senior's Connection - 1:00 p.m. - Cards in the Parlour

Thursday, November 2 -

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, November 3 -

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

GENERAL

Wesley-Knox would like to welcome Lisa Morris as the new Pastoral Care and Membership Coordinator. This is a 6hr/week administrative position to support the ongoing pastoral care work (by the Pastoral Care Team, Dr. Ross and Rev. Tracy) and engage members in the ministry of Wesley-Knox. Funds for this position were made possible through a donation to Wesley-Knox for this specific purpose. To be in touch with Lisa, please contact her during her office hours (Tues. 9:30-11:30), Sunday mornings or via e-mail at

United Church Observer - if you wish to receive or continue to receive the Observer, please contact the church office or place \$25.00 in an envelope clearly marked "Observer" along with your name, and place it on the collection plate.

Several people in the church have borrowed books and DVDs from Harry MacLean a who is now trying to round them all up! He is particularly looking for his Living the Questions DVD, the DVD of the PBS series, From Jesus to Christ, and a small paperback by Crossan called Who is Jesus?. If you have any of these, please contact Harry at macve3gro@rogers.com or call him at 519.473.1668. Thanks.

The Middlesex Presbytery Resource Centre is holding an Advent Open House and Sale on Tuesday, November 7th from 9:30 am to 5:30 pm Come visit us....we have some great gift ideas for everyone on your list! Enjoy some hot apple cider and home-baked treats while you shop. Save 20% off your purchase or 30% if you spend \$150.00 or more! (In-stock items only) Located at 482 Dundas Street, London, ON, N6B 1W6.

Events in Worship

November 5	Remembrance Abby Jenkins speaking; T76rumpet and Bagpipes
November 12	Stewardship Sunday Mallory Brennan, guest preacher All choirs, Mallory Brennan conductor
November 19	Faith In Action Sunday Glen Pearson, preaching Kevin White, vocalist
November 26	Handbells, Cathie Banks, director