

## **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 2, 2018**

Advent 1- Communion

Proclaiming the Word:  
Piano:

Joey Lawson  
Brian Ratcliffe

## **VOLUNTARY:**

### **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:** 1 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (vs 1-4)

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

One: There is a voice that calls out from the wilderness;

**All:** *"Prepare the way of the Lord."*

One: As we come into the Season of Advent we remember that God  
so loved the world that God sent Jesus to be born among us.

**All:** *Come, Lord Jesus, Come!*

One: God sent John to help prepare the way and open our hearts to  
turn to Christ.

**All:** *Come, Lord Jesus, Come!*

One: As we sing and pray, as we listen and learn, as we come to the  
table, may we be open to the One whom God sends.

**All:** *Come, Lord Jesus, Come!*

## **PRAYER OF APPROACH**

## **WE LIGHT THE CANDLE OF HOPE:**

The Richmond Family

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

*A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,  
a candle of hope in December's dark night.  
While angels sing blessings from heaven's starry sky,  
our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.*

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

**CHILDREN'S HYMN:** 42 "Down to Earth, as a Dove" (vs 1,2)

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

**CHILDREN'S HYMN:** 42 (vs 3)

**ANTHEM:** Happy Xmas, War Is Over John Lennon and Yoko Ono

**SCRIPTURE:** Mark 1:1-8

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:** 27 "Tomorrow Christ Is Coming"

## **PRESENTATIONS OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

arr Held

\* **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.*

### **THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION**

**The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

One: God is with us.

**All: We are not alone.**

One: Christ is present here.

**All: The Spirit moves within us.**

One: Let us give thanks to God.

**All: In memory and in hope.**

( the prayer continues...)

One: And also we lift our voices in song, singing together the praises of ages:

All: **Holy, holy, holy, (Pg. 941, Sung)**

**God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.**

**Hosanna in the highest.** ( the prayer continues...)

One: And in our remembering we sing the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!**

**(Pg. 942, Sung)**

(the prayer continues...)

**SHARING THE GIFTS:** 467, 478

#### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

\* **HYMN:** 1 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (vs 5-7)

\* **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:** Down to Earth, As a Dove

arr Johnson

**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 #1.

**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!

**The flowers in the Sanctuary** this morning are being placed in loving memory of Joan McCabe by Doug and family.

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018**

### **THIS WEEK**

**In your personal prayers this week**, please pray for our college and university students who will be finishing semesters and writing exams. Help them to know that they are on the hearts of their faith family at Wesley-Knox. We look forward to welcoming many of them home for Christmas.

Monday, December 3 -

**Resources & Renewal** - 7:00 p.m. - Parlour

Tuesday, December 4 -

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

**Card Making** - 1:30 p.m. - Social Hall\_

Wednesday, December 5 -

**Service of Hope** - 11:00 a.m. - Sanctuary

**Seniors Group** - 1:00 p.m. - Parlour - playing cards

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

**Trustee Board** - 7:00 p.m. - Parlour

Thursday, December 6 -

**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

**Spiritual Life** - 6:00 p.m. - Chapel

Friday, December 7 -

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

**Movie Night** - 7:30 p.m. - Parlour - *"The Man Who Invented Christmas"*

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### **GENERAL**

**Wesley-Knox will be sending** care packages to our College and University students, to let them know we are thinking of them during exam time. If you would like to support this outreach with financial assistance, please place your donation in an envelope with your envelope number and place it on the plate.

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

**You are invited** to attend the RCCO Carol Service tonight at Metropolitan United Church at 7:30 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](mailto:communications@wesleyknox.com)

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

**Sing Nowell! Christmas Concert** - Karen and the Choirs want to thank all who supported by attending the blissful Christmas Concert last night. We loved sharing our joy of singing; our love of music. Best of the season!

**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.

**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 at the December 8<sup>th</sup> Community breakfast, 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 folks at Wesley-Knox are always so generous. Thank you !

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**Events in Worship**

December 9	Advent 2, Pageant
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.