

Enter to Worship – Leave to Serve
WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude Cantabile A. Guilmant

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship “The Seven Last Sayings of Christ”

Lent 3 “Dear woman, here is your son.” John 19:26 Anna Maria Tolgyes

One: Lent is a season when we remember Jesus’ journey to the cross.

ALL: At the crucifixion, Jesus’ friends and family wept.

One: We remember those who weep in our world today.

ALL: We remember those places where there is great sadness, deep grief and suffering.

One: We extinguish a candle, for those who feel alone in their mourning, and who walk in the valley of the shadow of death.

(Candle is extinguished)

ALL: Even as he suffered on the cross, Jesus’ last words were of forgiveness, hope, and love.

One: Even in his suffering, Jesus invited his followers to care for one another, asking them to be like family.

ALL: May we listen to Jesus’ third sentence from the cross: “Dear woman, here is your son.”

One: May our worship empower us to be people marked by love, compassion and caring.

ALL: Let’s worship God.

*Hymn printed We Rise Again from Ashes v. 1,2,3.

Opening Prayer including the Lord’s Prayer (trespasses)

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Youth Hymn printed Be Not Afraid
Children’s Time

Scripture: Matthew 6:25-34
Anthem Now Quit Your Care S. Curry
Message Less – Part 2 Rev. Mavis Currie

WE RESPOND IN FAITH AND SERVICE

A time of remembrance

Offering and Offertory O Sanctissima Emma L. Ashford

***Doxology**

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!*

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

*Hymn 749 Be Still, My Soul

***Benediction**

Postlude Op. 27, No. 2 Choplin Nocturne

Welcome! Whether you are a long-time member or new to our congregation, we hope you feel welcomed and at home today! Washrooms are located below the sanctuary, at the Mitchell Street entrance and the rear parking lot entrance. There is also a washroom in the CE Hall.

Today, we have two donations toward our audiovisual ministry. We are grateful to Rae Williamson for her sponsorship today. Rae is a long-time member at Knox and she continues to worship with us online from her long-term care residence. We are also grateful to Randy and Sue Mills who sponsored this Sunday’s service in memory of Randy’s mother, Vivian. Vivian passed away on Saturday March 14th, 2020 in her 99th year. A positive and caring woman, Vivian loved horses and dogs ... especially Randy and Sue’s dogs!

Join us following worship for coffee time in Rodney Hall, with celebration cupcakes from the Session! We are grateful to the elders of our church who are hosting this week’s coffee break.

Next week’s coffee break is hosted by: Randy and Sue Mills’ team.

Staff Emails

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Church Office Hours: Monday to Thursday 9am – 1pm.
Friday 9am -12noon (NOTE: Front door is locked on Fridays,
please call ahead.)

Sunday Kool: Knox Sunday Kool runs from after the children's time until the conclusion of the worship service. This month, we are beginning a new Sunday Kool rotation based on the season of Lent.

Looking for....

Worship Bags for children aged 0-5, 5-12 years? They are in on the pew in the narthex (the space just outside the sanctuary where you receive a bulletin)

A Bible to take to your pew? They are located at every entrance to the sanctuary in the narthex. Ask an usher, if you don't see one!

The Nursery? The Nursery is located in the Christian Education Hall (the building adjacent to the main sanctuary). Go to the rear parking lot entrance. The nursery is located just off the large hallway that is off of this entrance.

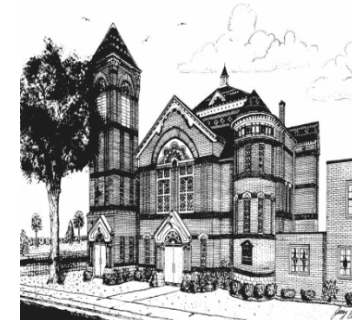
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Founded in 1837

Sunday March 12th, 2023.
10:30am

To all who would know God and do God's will; to all who would live and serve to make the world better; to all who seek comfort and would find rest; to old and young, wise and unlearned, rich and poor, saint and sinner, this church opens wide its doors and in the name of Jesus Christ bids you welcome to our Father's house



Upcoming Events - Mark your calendars...

Lenten Study on Zoom “A Time to Grow” This hour long online session will occur every Wednesday evening in Lent from 7-8pm.

Each week we will be enjoying a video, followed by discussion. This class is for those who are new to faith, those with questions about faith, and those who have been people of faith for a long time! Join as your able! This week’s topic: Salvation. Contact Mavis for the link.

Spring Rummage Sale!

Saturday, March 25th 8:30 am to 12 noon

Donations Drop-off Thursday March 23rd 4-7pm;

Friday March 24th 9 am to 4 pm

Clothing--Household Items--Books--Puzzles

Seasonal items --Children’s Toys -- Ladies’ Boutique



Sunday March 26th Palm Sunday worship with Guest musician, Kathleen Gahagan on harp.

Saturday April 1st Easter Breakfast, with Easter activities and an egg hunt for the kids! Family and friends welcome!

Saturday April 1st 10am Holy Seeing in the Library. Come out for an hour of quiet reflection on Easter art. Led by Rev. Herb Hilder. No art experience or expertise necessary! Join us. The session will last about one hour!

Thursday April 6th 5pm Dinner followed by Maundy Thursday Worship at Westmount Presbyterian Church, London (we will be car pooling). Please RSVP to Mavis if you are able to attend. Service begins at 7pm at Westmount.

April 7th 10:30am Good Friday Worship Service with cellist Lac Hong

April 7th 7:30pm here at Knox! Choral Connection performs Brahms Requiem on Good Friday, This concert will take place at Knox Presbyterian Church in St. Thomas. Please visit the choral connection website at www.choralconnection.ca to purchase tickets, or call Lucy at 519-661-690



Saturday April 15th 5pm Dinner out for those who have a birthday in March or April! More information to come!

Happy Pandemic-versary! Three years ago on the second Sunday in March, it was decided that the church would close for a “Sunday or two” due to a new virus, Covid 19. We did not return to the sanctuary for public worship until October 2021. (You may recall we worshipped in the parking lot for a month or so before that!). The indoor Christmas Eve service in 2021 was moved outdoors due to Omicron, and we went into a winter lockdown in January and February 2022. Let us never take the privilege of worshipping together for granted!

This Week at Knox

Today	10:45 am	Nursery and Sunday Kool
	11:30 am	Coffee break hosted by Session (Rodney Hall)
	11:30 am	Jr. Choir practice (chapel)
	12:00 pm	Annual Congregational Meeting (Rodney Hall)
Monday	6:30 am	Girl Guides (CE Hall)
Tuesday	9:00 am	Golden K (Rodney Hall)
Tuesday	11:00 am	Library Crew Meeting (Library)
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Presbytery of London (zoom)
Wednesday		No Indoor Playground
Wednesday	10:30 am	Bible Study (Library) Genesis 1 and 2.
Wednesday	1:00 pm	Pastoral Care (Rodney Hall)
Wednesday	3:00 pm	Knox leads worship at Royal Oak
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Scouts (CE Hall)
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Lenten Study over zoom (contact Rev. Currie for link)
Thursday	9:30 am	Crafters (CE Hall)
Thursday	10:00 am	Organ and Music (zoom)
Thursday	1:00 pm	Knox Knits (CE Hall)
Thursday	2:00 pm	Knox leads worship at Seasons
Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir (Sanctuary)
Sunday	10:30 am	Worship, Sunday School and Nursery. Coffee Break: Randy and Sue Mill’s Team.
Sunday	11:30 am	Jr. Choir practice in the chapel
Sunday	12:30 pm	Knox Staff “Christmas in March” Lunch out

The Jr. Choir is practicing after church for the next month, to prepare to sing in worship on Palm Sunday, April 2nd. All children are welcome. Speak to Pat Meathrell

Update from the Knox Session and Board

The Knox Session is comprised of all the elders of the church. This group meets once a month and is chaired by the minister. The Knox Board is a committee of the church that is responsible to manage the church's funds and care for the church building. Below are some highlights from recent meetings of these two governing bodies of our congregation.

The Session voted unanimously to give \$2000 toward the Presbytery of London refugee family. This Syrian family arrived in Canada in November 2022, after 6 years in a refugee camp. Due to rising costs, the presbytery has asked congregations to consider making a gift to help with the cost of rent. This donation was taken out of the church's welfare fund account.

The Board continues to troubleshoot the very troublesome dishwasher. We are hoping this will be resolved soon! The finance committee of the Board notes that the cost of heating has risen exponentially! It cost over \$100/day to heat our church in January and February. Yikes! The room beside the nursery has received a fresh coat of paint and is now outfitted as an overflow nursery space for busy Sundays.

In order to ensure that coffee breaks continue each week, we are embarking on a new coffee break system. The coffee teams (and the coffee team leads) are printed and up in Rodney Hall. Don't see your name on a list and would like to help out? Please sign up in one of the blank spaces. We are also looking for a few people that we could call in a pinch!

If you see your name on a team, please know that your team lead will be calling you prior to any dates. We will not need the whole team for each coffee break (many of the teams have more than 12 people on them!)



Today's coffee break is hosted by Session as we honour and welcome all of those who became members of Knox in 2022: Robert Langlois, John Smith, Lois Smith, Jeremy Anderson, Jack Brown, Sophie Brown, Emily Hartle, Steven Hartle, Owen Noxell, Alex Noxell, Emily Ross, Betty Walters, McKellar Watson, Ruby Watson, Stella Watson, Bill Arthur,

Diana Arthur, Helen Bourque, Desmond Chiu, Elaine Chiu, Walter Crossan, Justin Darlington, Meri Lou Gilbert, Don Leitch, Gail McHardy-Leitch, Wendy Lewis, Lena McCormick and Nicole Ronald.

We Rise Again from Ashes



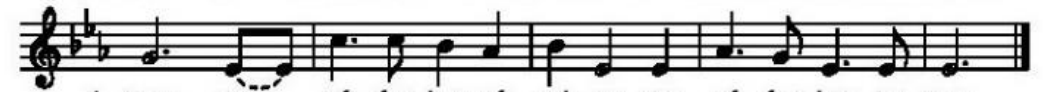
1. We rise a-gain from ash-es, from the good we've failed to
2. We of-fer you our fail-ures, we ___ of-fer you at-
3. Then rise a-gain from ash-es, let ___ heal-ing come to
4. † Thanks be to the Fa-ther, who ___ made us like him-



1. do. We rise a - gain from ash-es, to cre-ate our-selves a-
2. tempts, the gifts not ful - ly giv-en, the ___ dreams not ful - ly
3. pain, though spring has turned to win-ter, and ___ sun - shine turned to
4. self. † Thanks be to his Son, ___ who ___ saved us by his



1. new. If ___ all our world is ash - es, then ___ must our lives be
2. dreamt. Give our stum - bl - ings di - rec-tion, give our vi - sions wid - er
3. rain. The ___ rain we'll use for grow-ing, and cre-ate the world a-
4. death. † Thanks be to the Spir - it who cre-ates the world a-



1. true, an ___ of - fer-ing of ash-es, an of - fer-ing to you.
2. view, an ___ of - fer-ing of ash-es, an of - fer-ing to you.
3. new from an of - fer-ing of ash-es, an of - fer-ing to you.
4. new from an of - fer-ing of ash-es, an of - fer-ing to you.

(Youth Hymn) Be Not Afraid (refrain)

♩ Refrain



Be not a - afraid. I go be - fore you al - ways.



Come, fol-low me, and I will give you rest.

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