

## KNOX FLOS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcomes you to Worship

\*Please stand if you are able.

ADVENT II – COMMUNION SUNDAY

Dec. 9, 2018

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### WE ENTER INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

**INVITATION TO WORSHIP : Advent Liturgy**  
and lighting the Candle of Peace (see insert)



\*HYMN: 141 Good Christians all rejoice

**PRAYER OF APPROACH, CONFESSION & LORD'S PRAYER:**  
(unison)

**Light of all light, our dayspring of hope, may we find warm reflections of your countenance in the face of each brother, sister, stranger and friend. As we work for your world this day, may our hunger be for justice and our thirst for peace. Feed us with your presence. Strengthen our hearts and steady our hands for the business of loving your creation. As children of the light, may we walk in your radiance this day.**

**Refining God, it is not easy for us to admit we are not a blameless people. We trust the promises of politicians, but have trouble believing the ones you have made. We find ourselves captive to emotions and lusts which stun us, but doubt you can save us. We prefer the shadowy streets of the world, rather than walking in your Light. Forgive us, Faithful One. May the light of Christ show us your way; may the love of Christ overflow from our lives to others; may the life of Christ be our model as we seek to be your people.**

**This we ask as we pray...Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**PARDON & PEACE:**

L: Brothers and sisters, there is assurance in knowing that the living

God has eternal purposes to achieve through us. God will bring to completion the work of grace begun in us. Know, then, that you have been forgiven, and given a new start, for God has things to do through you. Forgive one another, therefore, and be at peace. May the peace of Christ of be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

*(offering words of peace and right hand of fellowship)*

**CHILDREN'S PRAISE SONG:** 148 It came upon the midnight clear

**CHILDREN'S TIME:**

#### GOD'S WORD FOR US

**SCRIPTURES:** Carole Huth

Psalm 126

*(Pages 572,968)*

Malachi 3:1-4

*(Pages 889,1499)*

Philippians 1:3-11

*(Pages 196,1836)*

Luke 3:1-6 (Rev. Paul)

*(Pages 60,1603)*

L. This is the word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON:** The Voice in the Wilderness

#### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**OFFERING:** *We give thee but thine own  
Doxology #661 what- e'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone,  
a trust, O Lord, from thee*

**PRESENTATION & PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**THE APOSTLES'S CREED:** 539

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**



**COMMUNION HYMN:** A communion hymn for Christmas (v.1-3)

**THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**HYMN:** (cont.) A communion hymn for Christmas (v.4,5)

**GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD**

**\*BENEDICTION & BLESSING**

**Go Now in Peace**

*Go now in peace. Never be afraid  
God will go with you each hour of every day  
Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true  
Know he will guide you in all you do  
Go now in love, and show you believe  
Reach out to others so all the world can see  
God will be there, watching from above  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We extend a warm welcome to everyone today on Advent II – Communion Sunday.

**December 9: Human Rights Day (Dec. 10)**

In many parts of the world, girls face barriers to education and other opportunities to earn a living. In Afghanistan, Zarmina felt frustrated by her community's belief that a girl's place is in the home and not in the classroom. In an effort to make life better for her daughters, Zarmina participated in gender equality training with PWS&D partners. Zarmina shared what she learned about a child's right to an education with other mothers, fathers and village leaders. As a result of her advocacy, the community now enthusiastically supports girls' education. "We hope that one day there will be no child out of school, not only in our community, but in the entire country."

*PWS&D is making a difference for girls around the world*

**CHURCH EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Tue. Dec. 11 10 a.m. **Bible Study** (*parlour*)

Thur. Dec. 13 6 p.m. **G.A.S.** (*Elmvale Presbyterian Church*)

Sun Dec 16 (*after church*) **Christmas Social with goodies.**

Sun. Dec. 16 (cont.) 7p.m. **Christmas Cantata "Fantasia"** at Elmvale Presbyterian Church. Presented by the choirs of Elmvale Presbyterian,

St. John's United and friends. Directed by Karen Parnell & accompanist Bob Bruer.

Sun. Dec. 23 9:45 a.m. **Special music performed by G.A.S.** during the service.

Mon. Dec. 24 5:30 p.m. **Christmas Eve Family Service**

**WEEKLY PRAYERS:** Week by week we list two households from our mailing list. We would ask you to keep these people in your prayers. The names are in alphabetical rotation: **Mary & Scot Robertson; Rev. Paul Sakasov** and their families.

**PRAYERS OF CONCERN** are requested for those people known by the Minister or Church Secretary to be in Hospital or Nursing Homes.

The help of the congregation is essential to keep the list up to date.

Sara Vista, Elmvale - Mabel Reynolds, Marg Graves & Nancy McGrady

Serenity, Barrie - Muriel Patchell

Hillcrest Village Care Centre, Midland - Evelyn Fleming

Georgian Manor, Penetang - Edna Kerr

King Place, Midland - Violet Graham

Waterside Retirement Lodge, Wasaga Beach - Bill Cox.

Tranquility Place, Brantford - Nancy Hull

Woods Park Retirement Community, Barrie - Louise Wanless

Extendicare, Sudbury - Alma Faris

At Home - Dolores Parker, Bill Murray, Stan McNutt, Jill Lieper, Wally

Greenlaw, Stan Ritchie, Ellen Furlong, Jackie Ritchie, Herb Ritchie, Patsy

Graham, Walter Marshall, Doug & Norma Kirton

Our sympathy is extended to **Jean Thurlow's family** on her passing two days before her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday. She passed away Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> and her funeral was at the Lynn-Stone Funeral Home last Wednesday.

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