

KNOX FLOS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcomes you to Worship

*Please stand if you are able.



Feb. 3, 2019

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE ENTER INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: We have gathered in God's holy presence, the One who etches grace on our hearts.

C. This is the place where God will transform us into disciples.

L. We glorify our God, who yearns for justice, not just for a favored few, but for the least of our world.

C. This is the place where God will write compassion on our souls.

L. We give thanks to God for unceasing grace; we remember God's persistence in saving us.

C. This is the place where God will breathe the word into our lives.

by Thom Shuman - Canadian Food Grains Bank

*HYMN: 765 We've a story to tell

PRAYER OF APPROACH, CONFESSION & LORD'S PRAYER:

(unison)

Holy and Blessed Lord: As we have gathered here today on this PWS &D Sunday we find ourselves thirsty for your love, hungry for your kindness, and yet there are still many nations around our world that need our care. Our hearts are aching for those who are hungry to be fed, all who are thirsty, to drink. Gracious and loving God we are amazed at all thy works.

Merciful God you have always shown us the way, but we do not always follow. Forgive us. We sometimes want to choose our own

way knowing that it is wrong. Forgive us. Help us to choose the right way, let us walk your way, let us follow you, not jump ahead of you. Loving and Gracious God take us forward to a place where we can live and love in the way you have so many times shown us. We ask through your son Jesus Christ 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 no failure that God cannot redeem. There is no distance God cannot cross. In our sinfulness, God does not push us away, but gathers us in. This is true freedom - to be loved in the fullness of our humanity. We have been forgiven, and made free. May the peace of Christ be with you.

C: And also with you.

(offering words of peace and right hand of fellowship)

CHILDREN'S PRAISE SONGS: 774 God forgave my sin
773 Jesus bids us shine

CHILDREN'S TIME: *Carolyn Hill*

GOD'S WORD FOR US

Litany (adapted from the Iona Community)

You broke down the barriers

when you crept in beside us.

For in Jesus, the story-telling Jesus,

the controversial Jesus, you showed us:

All are one in Jesus Christ,

and for this we praise you.

There is no longer male nor female, rich nor poor.

You opened our eyes to see how the hands of the rich were empty

and the hearts of the poor were full.

And when we wanted to shake our fist,

you still wanted to shake our hand.

All are one in Jesus Christ,

and for this we praise you.

Here in the company of the neighbour we know,

and the stranger in our midst,

we see to love as Jesus loved, widening the circle.

**In Christ, there is no longer male or female, rich or poor.
All are one in Christ Jesus!**

SCRIPTURES: Psalm 119:97-104 (Pages 568,962)
Luke 18:1-8 (Pages 81,1639)

L. This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: Questions of Faith: Believing (Janice Terry)

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING: *Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

PRESENTATION & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

When I say the words, we pray to the Lord, please respond, Lord, hear our prayer.

God of hope, we give thanks that you abound in love, you fill us with your Spirit, and in you there is always the chance for a new beginning. In Jesus, you show us how to persevere, how to speak and act for the vulnerable, how to see a third way.

Gracious God, we give thanks for PWS&D, for the work and people you have entrusted to them, for the opportunities to reach out. *We pray to the Lord.*

Lord, hear our prayer.

We give thanks for PWS&D's partners around the world, grateful for all they teach us. We pray that they may continue to be filled with your Spirit as they seek justice, and as they bring help to people in need. *We pray to the Lord.*

Lord, hear our prayer.

In the silence..... All this we ask.... Amen

HYMN: 767 Lord, speak to me

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 on this World Service & Development Sunday. Thank you to everyone who took part in today's service.

February 3: PWS&D Sunday

Inspired by God's promise of abundant life, PWS&D envisions a sustainable, compassionate and just world. February 3 is PWS&D Sunday—a day to celebrate the work our church is doing to make this vision a reality, empowering people out of poverty, hunger and oppression. Through programs in sustainable development and emergency relief, we are helping women, men and children get what they need to improve their well-being, recover from emergency situations and plan for futures abundant in the blessings of Christ. This work would not be possible without the faithful support of individuals and congregations across Canada, and our partners overseas. Today and every day, we give thanks for those striving for justice, mercy and peace throughout the world.

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CHURCH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tue. Feb. 5 10 a.m. **Bible Study**
Wed. Feb. 6 9 a.m. **Craft Club (parlour)**
Thur. Feb. 7 6 p.m. **G.A.S.**

UPCOMING CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sun. Feb. 17 (9:30 a.m.) **2018 Annual Meeting**

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: **Kevin & Shannon Fay; Bob & Cindy Finlay** 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
The Villa, Midland – Bill Cox Rm. 229
Telfer Place, Paris - Nancy Hull
Woods Park Retirement Community, Barrie - Louise Wanless
Georgian Bay Hospital, Midland - Ross Cole
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 and Doug & Norma Kirton

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