

KNOX FLOS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcomes you to Worship

SECOND SUNDAY in ADVENT

DEC. 8, 2019

*Please stand if you are able.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE ENTER INTO GOD'S PRESENCE



INVITATION TO WORSHIP: Advent Liturgy and lighting of the candle of PEACE (*see insert*).

***HYMN:** 110 Come, thou long-expected Jesus

PRAYER OF APPROACH, CONFESSION & LORD'S PRAYER:

Loving God, we thank you for this glad time of year, this Advent Season, in which we travel to and arrive breathless in Bethlehem for the birth of your son. The birth of whom reveals so awesomely the extent of your love for us.

This is a time for looking back and remembering past Advents, for seeing again the light entering our darkness, but above all a time for the present moment, a time for examining our lives, searching our hearts, exploring Scripture and renewing our faith. A time to recognise more fully that Jesus is with us each moment of each day, now and always.

Lord Jesus, forgive us as we endeavour to make room for you, not just this Christmas, but always. Teach us what it means to have you at the centre of our lives. Come now and by your grace, make your home with us. 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 glory, forever. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON & PEACE:

One Supply us, O God, with the gift to see ourselves as others see us

All Thereafter show us ourselves as you see us

One. Then forgive those of us who are humble and contrite

All Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy

(offering words of peace and right hand of fellowship)

CHILDREN'S PRAISE SONGS: 128 There's a voice

155 That boy-child of Mary (v.1,2&6)

CHILDREN'S TIME:

GOD'S WORD FOR US

SCRIPTURES: Sandy Conn

Responsive Psalm 24

(Pages 502, 855)

Romans 15 : 4 – 13

(Pages 163,1778)

Matthew 3 : 1 - 12

(Pages 2,1508)

L. This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: Living in harmony (Rev. Jim Young)

***HYMN:** 134 Lord, you were rich

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING: *Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Doxology #79 praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

*PRESENTATION & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN:** 115 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION & BLESSING

A Christmas Blessing

Christmas Babe so tender, Lamb who bore our blame,

How shall sinners render praises due Your name?

Do Your own good pleasure in the lives we bring;

In Your ransomed treasure reign for ever King!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We extend a warm welcome to everyone today on this second Sunday in Advent. Thank you to Rev. Jim Young for taking our service.

December 8: Human Rights Day (Dec. 10)

For Ahmad and Sarah and their daughters Reem and Rana, each day brought distress, thinking about what the future might hold. Their home in Al Raqqa, Syria had been bombed, and acts of brutal violence were taking place in their own neighbourhood. The family escaped to Kfarbo and forged a home in a cramped, unfurnished apartment. Navigating the streets of a brand-new city, in a country broken by over eight years of civil conflict, Ahmad and Sarah prayed each day for peace and relief from hunger. Their prayers were answered when the family received their first food and hygiene basket through a PWS&D-supported project with Canadian Foodgrains Bank partners. "It came at the right moment," says Ahmad.

PWS&D responds to those living in danger or exile

CHURCH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun. Dec. 8 (after church) **Congregational Meeting**

"to express your opinion on the recommendations adopted at the 2019 General Assembly meeting regarding human sexuality"

Mon. Dec. 9 12:30 **Willing Worker's/WMS** Christmas pot-luck luncheon (*Elmvale parlour*).

Tue. Dec. 10 10 a.m. **Bible Study** (*Elmvale*)

Wed. Dec. 11 1:30 -3:30 p.m. **Rev. Jim Young**, our Interim Moderator, will be in the minister's study and welcomes anyone to drop in.

Thursday, Dec. 12th is the annual **Christmas Let's Do Lunch** that, as usual, will include a **Bake Sale and mini bazaar** and we are asking willing bakers in the church family to fire up your ovens. Baked goods can be brought to the church Wednesday December 11th between 1:30 and 3:30 or after 7pm. There will be tables in the nursery to place it on. **Proceeds from both the Bake Sale and the bazaar will be given to the GAS Youth Chorus to help finance their production.**

Sun. Dec. 15 7 p.m. **Christmas Cantata "Night of the Father's Love"** presented by the choirs of Elmvale Presbyterian, St. John's United and friends at Elmvale Presbyterian Church.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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: **Vern Beacock; Don & Lorna Bell** 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, Nancy McGrady & Stan McNutt
Serenity, Barrie - Muriel Patchell
Georgian Manor, Penetang - Edna Kerr
King Place, Midland - Violet Graham & Stan Ritchie
The Villa, Midland (Rm. 316) - Bill Cox
Telfer Place, Paris - Nancy Hull
Roberta Place, Barrie - Louise Wanless & Ross Cole
Extendicare, Sudbury - Alma Faris
Royal Victoria Hospital, Barrie - Mary Anderson & Clarine Buchanan
At Home - Dolores Parker, Bill Murray, Wally Greenlaw, Jackie Ritchie, Bruce Ritchie, Ellen Furlong, Herb Ritchie, Patsy Graham, Norma Kirton, Brad McGrady, Marilyn Cole, Harvey Graham, Gord & Brenda Wilson and Carole Huth

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