

**KNOX FLOS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Welcomes you to Worship

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 15, 2020

\*Please stand if you are able.

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WE ENTER INTO GOD'S PRESENCE**



**LENT LITURGY:** Elaine Tubman

\***HYMN:** 61...O Come and Sing Unto the Lord

**PRAYER OF APPROACH, CONFESSION & LORD'S PRAYER:**  
God of truth and love, you know us better than we know ourselves. You search our hearts, minds and souls seeing us as we really are, and confront us with the reality of our true selves. We thank you this morning for all those around us that have the rare gift of speaking the truth in love, not harshly or vindictively nor from any ulterior motive, but because they genuinely care. We also thank you for those willing to risk our resentment, our misunderstanding or anger, our retaliation or rejection to help us grow as individuals. Give us true humility and meekness of spirit, so that we may be ready to listen and examine ourselves, ready to ask questions about who we are, where we are in our life story and to see clearly what we need to change to live that story as you would have us live it.

Help us to remember this Lent that when we face the truth, the truth will set us free.

Merciful God, help us to recognise all you have done for us through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, and so may we come gladly to you confessing our sins, acknowledging our faults, accepting our weaknesses and receiving your forgiveness. We pray these things in the name of Jesus who taught us when we pray together to say....*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:**

One: This is what love is

**All: It is not that we have loved God**

One: But that he loved us

**All: And sent his son to be the means by which our sin is forgiven**  
(offering words of peace and right hand of fellowship)

**CHILDREN'S PRAISE SONG:** Lord I Lift Your Name On High

**GOD'S WORD FOR US**

**SCRIPTURES:** Elaine Tubman

Responsive Psalm 95

(Pages 550,932)

John 4:1-26

(Pages 94,1662)

L. This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON:** Telling the Story! Rev. Jim Young

\***HYMN:** 683 I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Love

**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:** 671. I Heard The Voice of Jesus Say....

**\*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*

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**We extend a warm welcome to everyone today on this 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent and thank you to Rev. Jim Young for taking the service.**

## **CHURCH EVENTS THIS WEEK**

### **March 15: Blessed are the peacemakers**

Shaun MacDonald was inspired to be an instrument of God's peace by the prayer of St. Francis. He decided to put that into action by serving as an Ecumenical Accompanier in Hebron, Palestine. From October 2019 to January 2020, Shaun provided a protective presence, monitored human rights violations, and supported local peace and human rights groups as he witnessed life under occupation. Most importantly, he visited Palestinian families and shop keepers to learn their stories so he could share them with Canadians upon his return. The World Council of Churches created the Ecumenical Accompaniment Program in Palestine and Israel in 2002. Since then, over 1,800 accompaniers from 22 countries have participated. Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing support this important ministry.

*Presbyterians Sharing promotes peace in the Middle East*

**Birthdays:** March 1 – Robert Hunter; 9-Christopher Hammer;  
10-Mary Robertson; 12-Ruth Currie; 15-Howard Sage

Wed. March 18 1:30- 3:30 p.m. **Rev. Jim Young, Interim Moderator**, will be in the Minister's Study if you wish to visit.

Thur. March 19 6 p.m. **G.A.S.**  
8 p.m. **Easter Cantata practice**

Sun. March 22 9:45 a.m. **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent & Family Sunday**  
with Rev. Jim Young

## **CHURCH DIRECTORY**

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(Wed. afternoon & Thur. morning)

**Hope Story**, an international mission known to us through Bill and Carolyn Hill and family, is looking to partner with the New Hope Fellowship Church in Thunder Bay to create the First Nations Youth project and raise funds for a drop-in centre for the indigenous youth of the community.

**This is our mission** for the Sundays in Lent, beginning March 1<sup>st</sup> and ending Easter Sunday. April 12<sup>th</sup>. If you care to give to the mission you may do so using your giving envelope and marking Lenten mission on the last line.

**Youth Centre Wish List:** Xbox/ video games, Guitar Hero video game (hard to find), T.V. for games, Guitar, box drum, traditional drums (anything they can pick up and play), pool/billiard cues.

**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: **Jim Ritchie & Judy Wagner; Faye Robertson** 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 & Earl Graves  
Serenity, Barrie - Muriel Patchell  
Georgian Manor, Penetang - Edna Kerr  
King Place, Midland - Violet Graham, Stan & Jackie Ritchie  
The Villa, Midland (Rm. 316) - Bill Cox  
Telfer Place, Paris - Nancy Hull  
Roberta Place, Barrie - Louise Wanless & Ross Cole  
Extendicare, Sudbury - Alma Faris  
Hospice Simcoe, Barrie - Mary Anderson  
Collingwood General Hospital – Dolores Parker  
At Home - Bill Murray, Wally Greenlaw, Bruce Ritchie, Ellen Furlong, Herb Ritchie, Patsy Graham, Norma Kirton, Brad McGrady, Marilyn Cole, Harvey Graham, Gord & Brenda Wilson, Carole Huth & Sandra McNutt