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OUR NINE MINISTRIES:

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Stewardship and Finance: Ashley McDonald

Sacred Spaces: Bob Hughes

Ministry and Personnel/Regional Rep: Susan Zwick (Mary Ellen Campbell, Sally Hamel, Diane Korol)

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KNOX UNITED CHURCH IN-PERSON & LIVE STREAM WORSHIP 10:00 am FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 21, 2025



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Our Core Values are:

Compassion, Inclusion, Joy, and Spirituality
Our Mission:

Guided by the creative Spirit of God, we are called to build community that cares, shares, and dares.

Rev. Jennifer Ferguson, *Minister* Jane Williams, *Administrator* Karen *Freeman, Facility Coordinator* Tony Nahon, *Live Streaming* Patricia Plumley, *Music Director* Leslie Hawley, *Visual Arts* Sandy Machan, *Tech* Brian Zwick, *Reader*

Welcome to Worship at Knox! We extend a very warm welcome to all who are a part of our community of faith, whether you are joining us in person or via live stream, whether you are visiting or seeking a new church home. May you receive what you need today and sense the presence of the Spirit of God moving among us. Our thanks to all those who are participating in today's service.



THE INCARNATION
THE COMING OF THE ENLIGHTENED ONE
THE BIRTH OF DIVINE CONSCIOUSNESS

In body or in spirit, please stand as you are able where indicated (*)

PRELUDE & INTROIT:

Angels Are Making Their Rounds w/m Pepper Choplin

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY TIME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PEOPLE AND LANDS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*HYMN: Angels We Have Heard on High 38VU

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come to celebrate the coming of the

Christ-Child among us

All: even as we recognize the incarnation of the Holy

in every child.

One: For what makes Christmas mystical and magical

All: is the recognition that the same light that came into

the world through Christ, came to enlighten everyone, so that we might walk like Christ

as angelic light-filled messengers upon the earth.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF LOVE

Hope Is a Star v. 4

CHILDREN'S TIME

CHILDREN'S HYMN: Angels Among Us

w/m Don Goodman & Becky Hobbs

7VU

SCRIPTURE: John 1:1-14

AND CONTEMPORARY READINGS

REFLECTION

*HYMN: Christ, Be Our Light

w/m Bernadette Farrell, arr. John Barnard

INVITATION TO GIVE

(presentation of gifts and treasure)

Hearts of Love and Gifts of Gold v. 1,4 Linnea Good

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The singing bowl invites us into prayer...

SUNG RESPONSE: Hope Shines as the Solitary Star 220MV

LORD'S PRAYER (Common Cup)

COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

*HYMN: Hark! the Herald Angels Sing 48VU

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

This year, our Christmas offering will be shared between Connecting Gaza (an organization created by a Jewish Rabbi that helps Palestinian families rebuilding their lives in Gaza), a refugee family from Afghanistan in our community, and our own faith community of Knox United, which is so much more than a worshipping community. Knox provides food cards and a listening heart to folks in need who walk through our doors looking for help. The Counselling and Healing Collective offers subsidized counselling and healing sessions to those who can't afford it through our Minister's Discretionary Fund. Risebridge provides resources for vulnerable folks and operates out of Knox every Wednesday morning. On Tuesdays, anyone from the community can come to The Gathering Place for conversations and drop-in coffee and warm scones or enjoy a hot noon lunch. We host a weekly youth drop for international students, facilitate open-minded spiritual discussion groups, meaningful worship services, Celebrations of Life for anyone who asks, a Grief Support Group and a Parents of Adult Children with Challenges Support Group. We also offer Energy Healing Treatments, provide scholarships to Indigenous High School students, and offer spiritual book studies and programs open to all. If you would like to contribute to Knox United Church, please make a donation in the special envelopes provided, make an e-transfer to acctg@kucparksville.ca or see our website.

WELCOME to LIVE-STREAMING WORSHIP!

With your presence here, you consent to being filmed and/or otherwise recorded for our congregation and on YouTube. Our cameras are directed towards the front of the sanctuary. If you are at all concerned about your children's image being captured, **DO NOT** sit at the front of the sanctuary.

The live stream will be available directly through the Knox United YouTube Channel

HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS!