

REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW THE SERVICE

You are invited to a reception after the service to visit with our minister, pastoral care and healing teams and prayer chain and prayer shawl ministries.

A special thanks to our guest soloist Pamela Brown who joined with our music leader, Jenny Vincent to share their healing music with us this evening.

Thanks to all the ministries of our church who were involved in creating this Blue Christmas Service. Our gratitude is expressed to the Worship and Arts and Creative Planning Team, the Healing Team, the Pastoral Care Team, the Prayer Chain and the Prayer Shawl Ministries for joining to create this healing experience for us.

Our Healing Ministry

Healing Pathways is a ministry of our congregation and sanctioned by the United Church of Canada. It is an ancient ministry initiated by Jesus whereby God's healing energy passes through the hands of the trained healers to bring spiritual, emotional, mental and physical balance to our body, mind, heart and spirit.

If you would like to experience healing touch in a full hour treatment later by our trained healers, sessions are available by appointment through Knox church by calling **250-248-3927**.

Healing & Pastoral Care Ministry, Prayer Shawls,

A Blessed Christmas Gift – Have you noticed the beautiful prayer shawls? They were lovingly stitched by members of our congregation and blessed on a previous Sunday. We encourage you to take them home for yourself or gift them to a friend, a family member, a care home resident, or anyone who would welcome their comfort.

A flyer for a Blue Christmas service. The background is dark blue with a starry night sky and several large, glowing white snowflakes. A blue diagonal line runs across the bottom. The text is in white and gold. The title 'Blue Christmas' is in a large, elegant script font. Below it, the text reads: 'Feeling a little blue this Christmas? Join us for a quiet candlelight service of hope'. The date and time are 'Sunday, December 15th @ 3 pm'. The location is 'KNOX UNITED CHURCH 345 PYM STREET PARKSVILLE' in a smaller, all-caps font.

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A Service of Comfort & Healing

December 15, 2019 3 pm

Knox United Church

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CANDLELIGHTING

(Before the service begins please come forward to light
A candle in the floor screens in remembrance of someone or as a
personal prayer request)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

MEDITATION:

“There is a sacredness in tears. They are not the mark of
weakness but of power. They speak more eloquently than
ten thousand tongues. They are the messengers of
overwhelming grief, of deep contrition, and of unspeakable
love.” -- Washington Irving

WELCOME

SOLO: Christmas Lullaby

Call to Worship:

One: While many are looking forward to Christmas with anticipation
and excitement ...

All: we gather in this place with broken hearts and shattered
dreams, coming to draw strength and comfort from our shared
sorrows and grief.

One: We gather to remember that in the midst of our brokenness,
God comes to us—Emmanuel.

All: the hope of the child born at Christmas, softly enters into our
hearts, to soothe and bring comfort, to give us the strength and
courage we need to begin again.

CAROL: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel v.1,4,5,6 1VU

CENTERING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:25-35

REFLECTION Jennifer Ferguson

REMEMBERING WITH GRATITUDE AND HOPE

SOLO: At This Table

A TIME FOR COMMUNION AND HEALING

(During this time you are invited to come forward up the side aisle to
receive the gift of bread and dip it in the cup, consume it, and return to
your seat via the central aisle or you may continue to one of the
healing stations at the back of the church for the laying on of hands,
prayers and anointing of oil or remain in your seat and just simply be)

PRAYERS, CANDLELIGHTING AND LORD’S PRAYER

LIGHTING OF TAPER CANDLES

CAROL: Silent Night, Holy Night 67VU

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

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CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES AT KNOX December 24th

7 pm That Starry Night - An Intergenerational Nativity Musical with Carols for
Families

9 pm A Celtic Christmas with Candlelight & Communion featuring special guests
Rheana Slack, Violinist; Patt Scrivener, Harp and Jan Laurie, Bodhran.