

**WELCOME TO KNOX AT CHRISTMAS TIME!**

We warmly welcome you and hope you will experience the peace-filled Presence of Holy Love tonight. The offering that will be received will help to support the 9 ministries at Knox that make a difference in many lives.

**THANK YOU'S**

Special thanks tonight to Rheana Slack, Patt Scrivener and Jan Laurie for the beautiful inspiration of their music and to Jenny Vincent, our Music Director at Knox. Thanks also to Donna Kennedy and our communion servers, to Dawn Smith for preparing the communion feast, and to the folks in the tech room for the preparation of both services on this Christmas Eve.

May everyone have a safe and blessed Christmastide!

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**CHRISTMAS EVE 9:00 PM**

**A CELEBRATION  
OF LOVE & WONDER**

**Tuesday, December 24, 2019**

*Knox United Church*



**CHRISTMAS EVE 9:00 PM  
A CELTIC CHRISTMAS**



**KNOX UNITED CHURCH**

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**Compassion, Inclusion, Joy and Spirituality**

Rev. Jennifer Ferguson, *Minister*  
Jane Williams, *Administrator*  
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Kathleen Howard, *Relief Administrator*

Rev. Dr. M. Bruce McIntyre, *Minister Emeritus*  
Jenny Vincent, *Music Leader*  
Jan & Bill Laurie, *Music Team*

**Guided by the Creative Spirit of God We are Called To  
Build Community that Cares, Shares and Dares!**

**PRELUDE** As you prepare yourself for Worship, we invite you to enjoy the music of the prelude and reflect quietly on the meditation.

**MEDITATION** "From heav'n to here and from here to heaven,  
Is a distances less than tissue-thin,  
And it's trod by him who in the stranger's guise,  
Is made known when he is welcomed in."  
*--from leaving of Liverpool*

**WELCOME**

**BEARING THE CHRIST LIGHT**

**WELCOMING CHRIST IN THE STRANGER**

*(It is the Celtic belief that Jesus has joined us and is incarnate in someone in our midst, as we turn to welcome each other, be mindful that you may be welcoming Christ the stranger in disguise)*

**POEM OF WELCOME** (Anne Gore)

**\*CAROL** I Saw Three Ships

**LIGHTING OF THE THREE LIGHTS**

**SCRIPTURE** John 1:1-14 (Don Emerson)

**\*CAROL** On Christmas Night

**SCRIPTURE:** Luke 2:1-19 (Gordon Gilmour)

**POEM** God Holds In Favour (Don Emerson)

**\*CAROL:** What Child Is This? 74VU

**REFLECTION**

**A MANGER BLESSING**

*(In your Order of Worship, you will find a blessing card for you to write the name of a child or children or people in your life that you ask a blessing for and place the paper in the manger)*

**CAROL** Lullay, Thy Little Child

**CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**INVITING BELIEVERS FROM THROUGHOUT TIME**

*"Come and surround us, come and surround us"*

**BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND POURING OF THE CUP  
SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

**SCOTTISH LORD'S PRAYER** (prayed by Anne Gore)

**A TIME OF RISING**

**\*LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST LIGHT TAPERS**

*(as we form a circle around the outside of the sanctuary)*

**\*CAROL** Silent Night 67VU

**\*A CELTIC BLESSING**

**\*SUNG BLESSING** Prayer for Peace (David Haas)

**POSTLUDE** We invite you to listen to the music as you 'reflect' on the message and blessings of the evening.

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