

January



Coffee Hour - will be held on the **1st and 3rd Sunday of the month** starting on **January 7**. Join us in Metcalf Hall after worship for fellowship, tea, coffee, juice, and treats. We would also like to add more coffee hour Sundays in each month. If you are interested in participating in the set-up, serving, and clean-up of coffee hour, please speak to Heather Sanderson for further details or any questions you may have.



The Library is starting up again with the help of 4 members of the congregation. The mobile cart will re-appear on January 21st, 2024. We can use donations of gently used suitable novels or non-fiction. (Place in bin beside the bench outside the Church office). Coming in 2024: re-using tablets, Kindles, and laptops for Outreach to Seniors. More info on that to come. Questions? Speak to Deb Nash Chambers



Next Sunday, January 21st, is our first 2024 Give to Guelph Sunday. Our items of focus for the month are high fibre cereal, instant oatmeal, and peanut butter; skim milk powder and toilet paper are always in need. Thanks everyone!

LUNCH BUNCH On January 16th, 2024, the Lunch Bunch will gather at Stacked Pancake and Breakfast House, 20 Woodlawn Road East, Guelph at 11:45 am. We will meet at East Side Mario's, 370 Stone Road W., Guelph at 11:45 am on February 20th, 2024. Contact Deb through lunchbunch@knoxguelph.ca to make a reservation to join us by the Friday before each outing. Friends are welcome.



Cleaning out your closet? Please consider donating unneeded items to one of these organizations that provide clothing to those in need in our community: **The Guelph Food Bank** (Yes they take clothes!), 100 Crimea Street, **Clothing Closet**, New Life Church 400 Victoria Rd N, and **Chalmers Downtown** (41 Macdonell St.).



2023 Tax Receipts will be in the Metcalfe Hall Sunday, Jan. 14th and 21st. All remaining will be mailed January 22nd.



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2nd Sunday After the Epiphany
January 14, 2024 at 10:30am



Interim Moderator: Rev. Glen Soderholm

Interim Minister: Rev. Cathy Stewart

Order of Worship:

**As able, please stand*

Gathering Music “How Brightly Beams the Morning Star” D.Buxtehude

Greeting

Life and Work of Our Congregation

Presentation of the Bible

Centering Song (choir) “Lord Speak to Me” D. Hill

Call to Worship (from Psalm 139)
How weighty are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!
We try to count them—**they are more than the sand;**
We come to the end—**we are still with you.**
Come, let us worship God together.

Prayer of Approach

Hymn: “Sing a New Song unto the Lord” **422**

Prayer of Confession
You know us, O God: We are like both the child Samuel and the old Eli.
Like Samuel, we do not recognize your voice when You speak.
Like Eli, we may sense your voice, but do not have the strength
or the will or the courage to follow.
Forgive us for all the ways we fall short.
Lead us, we pray. Christ, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Promise of Forgiveness

Sharing the Peace of Christ
One: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
All: And also with you.

Sung response:
May the peace of Christ be with you, and also with you.
May the peace of Christ be with you, in all you do.

Prayer for Illumination Melodie McGurrin

Scripture Readings:
• 1 Samuel 3: 1-10
• Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18 responsively from Psalter; Refrain 2
• John 1:43-51

*** Hymn** “Speak Lord in the Stillness” **442**

Conversation with Children: *Invitation to gather on the steps of the platform*

Sermon: *Learning to Listen* Rev. Cathy Stewart

Congregational Hymn: “A Bush Bursts into Flame” **673**

Dedication of Offering:
We give thee but thine own, whatever the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.


Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

*** Hymn** “Great is Thy Faithfulness” **324**

*** Sending Forth and Benediction**

*** Sung Response:** **Let us Praise the God of truth/peace/love; Amen.**
Hallelujah (repeat)

Sending Music Prelude in F D. Buxtehude

 We welcome Matthias Schmidt as our music leader today. For now, Matthias will be with us for 3 weeks as we work through our search process.