

# 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 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 21<sup>st</sup>, 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



Knox's next Give to Guelph Sunday is on January 21st. Our items of focus will be high fibre cereal, instant oatmeal, and peanut butter; skim milk powder and toilet paper are always in need. Thanks Knox family for your support, Happy New Year!

### 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](mailto:lunchbunch@knoxguelph.ca) to make a reservation to join us by the Friday before each outing. Friends are welcome.



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*Baptism of the Lord*  
*January 7, 2024 at 10:30am*



Interim Moderator: Rev. Glen Soderholm

Interim Minister: Rev. Cathy Stewart

## Order of Worship:

***\*As able, please stand***

**Prelude** (organ)      “Ach bleib bei uns, Herr Jesu Christ”      by J.S. Bach

## Greeting

## Presentation of the Bible

## Centering Music

## Call to Worship (based on Genesis 1 and John 1)

In the beginning was the Word

## The Word brooded over the water

From water and dust and breath

**God fashioned every living thing, saying:**

"You are the work of my hands. I call you by name."

**Come, let us worship the One who is ever making us.**

**Hymn:** “Out of Deep Unordered Water” **515**

## Prayer of Approach

## About Water

## Conversation About Water

**Scripture:** John 4: 5-15 Nancy Stepien

### Prayer Response (unison)

**We confess, O God, that we are often like the woman at the well.**

**We know our need for water,**

## But we lose our thirst for the living water

**That nourishes our spirits.**

**Forgive us and renew our thirst, we pray.**

**In Christ's name, Amen**

## Assurance of Forgiveness

**Sung response:**

"I've got peace like a river (repeat)...in my soul.

"I've got love like an ocean.....

"I've got joy like a fountain.....

## About Trusting

## Conversation About Trust

**Scripture: Jesus Baptism Mark 1: 4-11**

## Entering the River (in our imaginations)

**Sung response:** Be still and know that I am God (x3)

In thee, O Lord, I put my trust (x3)

**\* Hymn**      “What King Would Wade in Murky Streams”      **184**

## About Going Under Water (Remembering our Baptism)

## Conversation About Baptism

**Hebrew Scripture:** Verses from Isaiah 43: 1-7

## Remembering our Baptism (aspersion)

**Congregation's Response:** "Do you remember?" "We remember"

## Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

<b>* Hymn</b>	<b>“What Was Your Vow and Vision”</b>	<b>182</b>
	(Alternate Tune Aurelia)	

## \* Sending Forth

### \* Benediction

**\* Sung Response**                      “Let us Praise”                      **(BP#40)**

**Postlude**                      “Fugue in G Minor”                      by J.S. Bach