



~ANNOUNCEMENTS~

Mission & Outreach: Chalmers has expressed their thanks for Knox's ongoing support throughout 2025. Our first 2026 Give to Guelph Sunday will be January 18th. Our item of focus will be canned kidney beans. Skim milk powder, peanut butter and toilet paper are always in need. Thanks Knox family.

LUNCH BUNCH The Lunch Bunch gathers on the third Tuesday of each month at 11:45 am. We will dine at Stacked Pancake and Breakfast House at 20 Woodlawn Road East, Guelph on Tuesday January 20th, 2026; and on February 18th we will gather at East Side Mario's at 370 Stone Road West, Guelph. Contact Deb lunchbunch@knoxguelph.ca to make a reservation to join us by the Friday before each outing. Reservations are necessary to ensure that there is room for everyone. Friends welcome.

Pastoral Care Minister: Rev. Jennifer Sokolowsky
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2026 Offering Envelopes are here: They are available in Metcalf Hall today. Please pick them up at your earliest convenience. Please do not use 2025 envelopes once January arrives. Thanks!



Lord, thank you for 2025.

For every challenge, You walked with us.
 For every need, You provided.
 For every prayer, You answered.

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1st Sunday after Christmas
December 28, 2025, at 10:30am



Interim Moderator: Rev. Glen Soderholm Interim Minister: Rev. Cathy Stewart
 Minister of Pastoral Care: Rev. Jennifer Sokolowsky

Order of Worship

*as able please stand

Carol Sing

Solo: “The Birthday of a King” William H. Neidlinger Carrie Bellamy

In the little village of Bethlehem, There lay a child one day,
And the sky was bright with a holy light, O'er the place where Jesus lay:
Alleluia! O how the angels sang, Alleluia! how it rang;
And the sky was bright with a holy light, 'Twas the birthday of a King.
'Twas a humble birthplace, but oh! how much God gave to us that day,
From the manger bed, what a path has led
What a perfect holy way: Alleluia! O how the angels sang,
Alleluia! how it rang; And the sky was bright with a holy light,
'Twas the birthday of a King.

Greeting

Centering Music: “Il est né” (Refrain) 169

Il est né, le divin enfant, jouez, hautbois, résonnez musettes;
il est né, le divin enfant; chantons tous son avènement.
He is born! Now the child has come! Fill all the air with our merry carolling!
Play the pipe, beat the joyful drum! Hope is born, for the child has come!

Call to Worship

For everything there is a season,
And a time for every matter under heaven.
A time to hold on,
And a time to let go.
A time to remember,
And a time to begin again.
God of past, present, and future,
Meet us here, as we stand on the threshold of time.
Let us worship God.

*Hymn “See amid the winter's snow” v1, 2, 5 168

Prayer of Approach

Assurance of God’s promises

Sharing the Peace of Christ

May the peace of Emmanuel, God-with-us, be with you 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

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 63:7-9 (Inclusive Bible & The Message)
Ecclesiastes 3:1-13 (NRSV)

Theme Conversation

*Hymn “In the bleak mid-winter” 145

Sermon Rev. Jen Sokolowsky

Symbolic Act: Letting Go & Living Into

Anthem: “What Is This Lovely Fragrance” Old French Carol/arr. Healey Willan

What is this lovely fragrance wafting like to the scents of flowers in spring!
Shepherds, O tell us, whence such beauty, Hear you not heavenly caroling?
What is this light so fair, so tender Breaking upon our wondering eyes?
Never the Morning Star so radiant Followed his course o'er eastern skies.

Shepherds, O haste with eager footsteps Seek the Saviour, born today.
Low at His feet wee lay our treasure, Heart's adoration, love for aye.

Dedication of Offering

Offertory Response: “What child is this” v3 161

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high; the virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession; The Lord’s Prayer (“debts,” “debtors”)

*Hymn “Good Christians, all rejoice” 141

Sending Forth and Benediction

Sung Response: “Go now in peace” 622

Go now in peace; go now in peace.
May the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go.
Sending Music: “Jesus, Oh What a Wonderful Child” arr. Mark Hayes Carrie Bellamy
Jesus, Jesus, oh, what a wonderful Child; Jesus, Jesus, so lowly, meek and mild:
New life, new hope, new joy He brings.
Won't you listen to the angels sing, "Glory, glory, glory to the new born King."

He was herald by the angels, born in a lowly manger.
The virgin Mary was His mother, and Joseph was His earthly father.
Oh, three wise men came from afar, they were guided by a shining star,
to see King Jesus where He lay in a manger filled with hay.

