



~ANNOUNCEMENTS~

Mission & Outreach: January 18th will be our first 2026 Give to Guelph Sunday. Our item of focus is canned kidney beans. Skim milk powder, peanut butter and toilet paper are always in need. Thank you!

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
Email address is:
revjen@knoxguelph.ca

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!

2026 Prayer:

Lord,
we don't know everything
this year will hold,
but we know Who holds us.

We surrender our expectations,
our timelines, and even our fears.

Be with us.

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2nd Sunday after Christmas
January 4, 2026, 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

Greeting

Centering Music: 169 Il est né (Refrain)

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 (based on Isaiah 60)

Arise, shine, for your light has come

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Darkness covers the earth, and thick darkness covers the people.

But the Lord will arise upon us, and God’s glory will appear over us.

Then we shall see, and be radiant

Our hearts shall thrill and rejoice.

Come, let us worship

*Hymn “How brightly beams the morning star”

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Prayer of Approach

Assurance of God’s promises

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Grace to you and the peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

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

Ann Wilson

Scripture Reading

- Ephesians 3: 1-12
- Psalm 72 sung BP43
- Matthew 2: 1-12

Theme Conversation

Sermon "What did they see?"

Rev. Cathy Stewart

Silence

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

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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 “What star is this”

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Sending Forth and Benediction

Sung Response: “Go now in peace”

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Go now in peace; go now in peace.

May the love of God surround you

everywhere, everywhere you may go.

Sending Music



