~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

Congregational Meeting October 4 after worship: this will be a short (30 mins) meeting to vote on a) the proposal re next steps presented Sept 20 after worship (and then sent in an email) and b) 2 transfers from Endowment Fund to operational fund.

Mission & Outreach: Chalmers Challenge! Since April 2023 Knox's total donations as of August have totaled 5,542.7lbs! *The challenge*: Can we reach, or surpass, a total of 6,000lbs by year end? Let's do this Knox! Our **next Give to Guelph Sunday is October 18th**. Our focus item is instant coffee; peanut butter and skim milk powder are always in need. Thank-you!

As we prepare for Thanksgiving, we invite you to participate in **Knox's Day of Giving**. We encourage everyone to consider donating a day's wages, or whatever you are able, during this time. 20% of all donations will be directed to Royal City to further their impactful work. Thanksgiving offering envelopes are available in the bulletins and at the doors; please be sure to note "Day of Giving" in e-transfers. Let's share our bounty in thankfulness and love.

Knox Lunch Bunch - On Tuesday October 20th, 2026 we will gather at 11:30 am at the Harvest Moon Family Restaurant, 5 Parkside Dr, St. Jacobs. Hopefully, there will be lots of leaf colour to see on your journey. In November we return to the Souvlaki Flame. Please let Sharon and Karl or Deb know if you can so we can confirm our numbers. Friends welcome!

Help Us Create a Knox Memory Book: As part of our transition to a new place, we will be creating a Knox Memory Book — a keepsake with photos of the building, the people, and memories of worship, music, traditions, and moments that have been meaningful to our congregation. We are looking for short (2-3 sentences) meaningful submissions such as: a favourite Bible verse or passage; a favourite hymn or song title, or a short meaningful line; a short prayer; a special memory of Knox; a few words about what Knox has meant to you or your family; a meaningful quote or reflection; a brief message of hope for Knox's future. A few words or a sentence can be just as meaningful as a longer reflection. More info will be in weekly email. Please send your contributions to Kyla at poirierkyla@gmail.com

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18th Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2026, at 10:30am

Interim Moderator: Rev. Glen Soderholm ~ Interim Minister: Rev. Cathy Stewart
Minister of Pastoral Care: Rev. Jennifer Sokolowsky ~ Music Director: Tony Domzella

Order of Worship
***as able please stand**

Prelude: Arabesque (24 Pièces en style libre) **L. Vierne**

Greeting and Presentation of the Bible

Centering Music: Come and find the quiet centre
Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.

Call to Worship
We come to worship carrying many things —
joy and sorrow, gratitude and grief, hope and uncertainty.
We come as we are, and God welcomes us.
Some of us come with faith that feels strong;
some of us may need others to hold faith for us for a while.
We come together, for we were never meant to walk alone.
Here we remember that God meets us in one another —
in kindness offered, in burdens shared, in stories heard, and in love freely given.
Here we are gathered into community.
So come, you who are hopeful, and you who are weary; you who are certain,
and you who have questions; you who are ready for what comes next,
and you who need a little more time.
There is room for all of us here.
For Christ calls us together, walks beside us, and reminds us that we do not travel alone.
Together, let us worship God.

***Hymn: "We are one in the Spirit"** **471**

Prayer of Approach and Assurance of God's promises

Sharing of the Peace
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 and Scripture Reading **Forrest Sanderson**
Isaiah 66:10-14
Psalm 66:1-9 (responsive from Psalter, Refrain I)
Luke 10:1-11
For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God among us,
for the word of God within us, **thanks be to God.**

***Hymn: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"** **675**

Theme conversation

Sermon: "Two by Two" **Rev. Jen Sokolowsky**

Silence

Anthem: "Loving Shepherd of thy sheep" **J.E. Leeson/P. Ledger**
Loving Shepherd of thy sheep, Keep thy lamb, in safety keep;
Nothing can thy power withstand, None can pluck me from thy hand.

I would praise thee every day, Gladly all thy will obey,
Like thy blessed ones above Happy in thy precious love.

Loving Shepherd, ever near, Teach thy lamb thy voice to hear,
Suffer not my steps to stray From the straight and narrow way.

Where thou leadest I would go, Walking in thy steps below,
Till before my Father's throne I shall know as I am known.

Dedication of Offering

Offertory Response: "Ubi Caritas" **501**
Ubi caritas et amor,
ubi caritas Deus ibi est.
(Where there is charity and love, God is there.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession
The Lord's Prayer ("debts," "debtors")

***Hymn: "One more step along the world I go"** **641**

Sending Forth and Benediction
Sung Response: 622 Go now in peace
Go now in peace, go now in peace May the love of God surround you
Everywhere, everywhere You may go.

Postlude: Carillon (24 Pièces en style libre) **L. Vierne**