~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

Congregational Meeting TODAY after worship: this is a short (30 mins) meeting to vote on the motions described on September 20 and sent by email Sept 25: two transfers from Endowment Fund; partnership, specifically with Trinity United; also a poll about the partnership spectrum.

Next Sunday being Thanksgiving, we have the chance to name some specifics: one vegetable, one tool, one song, one game, one meal, one friend, one place on this earth, one Bible verse, landform, one river….the final list will come in the weekly email.

Mission & Outreach: Our September donations to Chalmers totaled 77.6lbs. Our next **Give to Guelph Sunday is October 18th,** with focus on instant coffee. Peanut butter and skim milk powder are always in need. Chalmers continues to be gratefulness for support. In this season of thanks, we're invited to share our blessings. During **Knox's Day of Giving**, 20% of all donations will go to Royal City to strengthen their vital community support. Thanksgiving envelopes are in the bulletins; please mark *Day of Giving* on e-transfers.

Longevity Contest Box (see Knox News) is by the NW entry to sanctuary (near elevator)

Two white boards in Metcalf are designated for 1) Questions you have about ***anything*** *(there is no such thing as a dumb question!)* and 2) Ideas for music in the (after today) 15 Sunday remaining at 20 Quebec St. Add your question/idea!

Let's **Rock Some Socks & Clothing Knox!** We are working to "Keep our Community Cozy" as Guelph prepares for winter. Donations of new, unused socks, hats, mittens and scarves can be brought any Sunday or during office hours - Knox's goal is 500 items. Together with St. Andrew's we will donate these to Royal City and Chalmers. Spread the word and help us make a meaningful impact.

Knox Lunch Bunch - On **Tuesday October 20th, 2026** we will gather at 11:30 at Harvest Moon Family Restaurant, 5 Parkside Dr, St. Jacobs. We will look for lots of leaf colour on the journey! Reserve your spot with Sharon, Karl, or Deb. Friends welcome!

Knox Memory Book: you will have opportunity to write something for this book (and ask any questions) at coffee hour on October 18. We are looking for short (1-2 lines) meaningful submissions to fit in amongst the beautiful professional photographs we have taken.

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19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 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**

Choral Responses: Mass of the Shepherds **Pietro Yon**

Prelude: Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele (Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness) **J.S. Bach**

Greeting

Presentation of the Bible

Centering Music: As we gather at your table
As we gather at your table,
as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's victory known.

Call to Worship
The word of the Lord is perfect
Reviving the soul.
The decrees of the Lord are sure
making wise the simple.
More to be desired are they than gold
Even much fine gold
Sweeter also than honey, and the honeycomb.
Come, let us worship God together.

***Hymn: "Come, know my joy, the Maker says"** **788**

Prayer of Approach

Choral Response: Kyrie
Kyrie eleison, Lord, have mercy,
Christe eleison, Christ, have mercy,
Kyrie eleison, Lord, have mercy

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 **Howard Simpson**
Philippians 3: 4b-11
Psalm 19 (Read responsively from the Psalter, Refrain II)
1 Cor 10: 17 and John 17: 20-23

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.**

Sermon "Heading east, and south, with Christ" **Rev Cathy Stewart**

Silence

Dedication of Offering

***Communion Hymn: "Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness"** **533**

Communion Liturgy (see insert)

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

***Hymn: "Sent forth by your blessing"** **775**

Sending Forth and Benediction

Sung Response: "Amen" **780**
Amen, amen, amen.

Postlude: Sonata 1 in F minor IV. Finale: Allegro assai vivace **F. Mendelssohn**