

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STRATFORD

1st Sunday after Pentecost

Trinity Sunday

General Assembly Sunday

June 4, 2023

We continue to be mask friendly: it is a personal decision. Thank you.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Holy are you, Source and Creator of all things;

People: We thank you for your gift of life.

Leader: Holy are You, Son and Redeemer of all things;

People: Holy are You, Spirit and Sustainer of all things;

We bear witness to your truth and worship Your Holy Name, Ever Three and Ever One.

PRAYER OF APPROACH (Together):

Holy God, You are Three in One and One in Three.

Praise to You, Source of life, Maker of Heaven and Earth,

Who created us in Your image and called us good.

Praise to you, Jesus Christ, born in our flesh

to teach us how to love, and to offer us grace and mercy.

Praise to you, Holy Spirit, for the energy you bring us

to greet each day as a gift.

Holy God, Three in One and One in Three,

we praise you for your mystery and mercy.

Reveal to us how to live as your people

and witness to your wonder and grace. Amen

HYMN: #299 Holy, Holy, Holy Verses 1,3, and 4

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together):

God of mystery and mercy,

You know the details of our lives.

You see the sin and the sorrow we bear:

You see the problems and the possibilities we face.

You see how we fit into the world around us

and how we rub each other the wrong way.

We confess we do not always see what You see.

Open our eyes to the truth of our lives and touch us with Your grace. Amen

Assurance of Pardon (Minister): The Apostle Paul reminds us that from now on we regard no one from a human point of view. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. Everything old has passed away. See, everything has become new! Thanks be to God, that we can all make a new start, through God's gift of forgiveness and peace!

PASSING OF THE PEACE:

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you

Congregation: And also, with you

* Please turn and greet one another

ANTHEM

STORY: Pandora's box

HYMN: #328 This is my Father's world

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 5: 27-39 Gamaliel warns of unintended consequences
(Page 774)

Matthew 13: 44-46 (Page 691)

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| SERMON: "Unintended Consequences" |
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OFFERING AND DOXOLOGY #306 - Offering brought forward.

Your offering can be left on the plates upon entering the service.

**Thank you for your gifts and prayers
for the mission and outreach of Knox Stratford.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Together): **God of overflowing love, receive our gifts as signs of our love and commitment to live for You. Bless our gifts and our lives, that they may accomplish more than we can ask or imagine, as we follow Jesus, equipped by the Spirit to serve You well and wisely. Amen**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Prayer for Trinity Sunday and for the General Assembly in Halifax</p> |
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| <p>Leader: For peace that calms our hearts and saves our souls, and for peace in the whole world and throughout creation, let us pray to the Lord.</p> |
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| <p>People: Lord, have mercy.</p> |
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| <p>Leader: For the stability of the church and the unity of this congregation, for the ministries of your church around the world in these challenging times, and for the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada meeting this week in Halifax, let us pray to the Lord.</p> |
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| <p>People: Lord, have mercy.</p> |
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| <p>Leader: For our country, our leaders, and all those in public service for this community, and for every neighbourhood and nation, and for all who offer themselves in service for the common good, let us pray to the Lord.</p> |
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| <p>People: Lord, have mercy. Amen.</p> |
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HYMN: #742 Lead on O King Eternal

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**** Join us for refreshments following the service ****

The next **Sacrament of Communion** will take place
on **Sunday, June 25** at the 10:30am service.

Search Committee Update: We continue to offer prayers in the process of searching for a full time minister for Knox Stratford.

Notice from Session and Huron Perth Presbytery

Rev. Dr. David Thompson began his Interim Ministry for our congregation on June 1. He will be connecting with our membership roll and available for Pastoral Care visits and phone calls. He will be in Stratford on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.



OUTREACH AT KNOX

Thank you for your support of our campaign to collect underwear for Change Her World. Your response has been most generous.

Our Outreach focus for June will be the local Connection Centre. While we think that the winter months are hardest for the homeless the summer brings special needs. We will be collecting the following to help with their summer needs.

- Insect Repellant and Sunscreen
- Reusable bags
- Shorts for men and women -Size medium

(These do not need to be new but in good clean condition.)



All are invited and welcome to a new monthly worship service at Camp Kintail called "Kirk in the Cedars." Kirk is simply a Scottish word for church, and everyone will gather in the cedars of the outdoor chapel.

* Worship is at 4PM, dinner to follow.

Dates: June 18th September 24th
 July 30th October 22nd
 August 27th November 19th

***The Knox congregation is planning on attending on June 18.**

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