

Knox Presbyterian Church



KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STRATFORD October 29th, 2023

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* We continue to be mask friendly. Thank you.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Acknowledgement of Indigenous Lands: Dale Bast

The procession of the flag by the flag bearer

Minister receives flag and places it

- Flag bearer goes to his seat and remains standing for:

O Canada - Hymn #833

(Following O Canada the congregation is seated)

Acknowledgement of Canada's role in war

The names of the 24 Knox members who made the supreme sacrifice.

The congregation is invited to call out names of family members who fell in war

VIDEO: In Flanders Fields by John McCrae

- Recited by Leonard Cohen

The Act of Remembrance

The Minister returns the flag to the flag bearer

The Last Post -played by Suzanne Strahan - The flag bows

One Minute of Silence

The Lament -played by Suzanne Strahan

The Rouse -played by Suzanne Strahan - The flag is raised

Prayer of Remembrance - Dr.Thompson

Dr. Thompson Places the flag in the stand for the service's duration. The flag bearer returns to his seat.

CALL TO WORSHIP: On this day of memory we gather to sing and to pray, we remember the past and look to the future.

We remember the day when the guns once fell silent, we come before you God, seeking Your peace.

On this day of hope in the face of terror, we come before you God, praying with all our hearts: open our eyes and the eyes of the nations to find a different path through the disagreements of life in this world. May we be re-committed to being people of Peace, true peace. May we catch a vision of how the world could live together. And so we echo the old prayers: Make us channels of your peace - Let there be Peace on Earth and let it begin with us! Amen.

OPENING HYMN: #330 O God our Help Verses 1,3 and 5.

Prayer of Approach and Confession (Together):

God of mercy, we confess that the world around us is broken and heartbreaking. Countries turn disputes over territory into threats of terror. Old enemies stir up conflict within tribes and nations. The threat of violence keeps us all on edge. We have not learned from past conflicts what leads to peace with justice among nations and neighbours. Forgive us all.

Assurance of Pardon (Minister): The Apostle Paul declared: What will separate us from the love of Christ? Hardship? Distress? Peril or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through the God who loves us. Neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Let us rejoice that, no matter what is happening around us, no matter what we have done, God's deep love will never let us go.

PASSING OF THE PEACE:

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you

Congregation: And also with you.

Please turn and greet one another

CHOIR ANTHEM

STORY – “A Jar of Jam” shared by Dale Bast

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 2: 1-5 Page 484 in the Pew Bible
Psalm 34:14-18 Page 397 in the Pew Bible
Gospel Matthew 24:1-14 Page 700 in the Pew Bible

SERMON: “Calmly facing grim realities”

HYMN: #738 God the omnipotent - Verses 1,2, and 4.

DOXOLOGY #661 (Offering brought forward)

** The offering can be placed in the offering plates at the back of the church in the narthex prior to it being brought forward.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN: #730 O for a world where everyone-Verses 1,2 & 5.

BENEDICTION

HYMN: #834: God Save the King

(Please remain standing while the flag leaves the sanctuary, then be seated after the flag passes your seat.)

POSTLUDE

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Refreshments are served in the West Transept after the service.

*****NEW***** Join us for fellowship and food for the body and soul on **Wednesday, November 1st at 5:30-7pm** for our first weekly Fellowship Café in the Banquet Hall. Pizza served from 5:30-6 pm. We will sit at round tables and at 6:00pm Dr. Thompson will kick off a Bible study of the Book of Acts.

FALL OUTREACH-Food Drive - Hot and cold cereal, peanut butter; healthy school snacks (fruit cups, granola bars, juice boxes, individual puddings); canned fruits and vegetables; soups; stews; cake mixes; dish soap; shampoo and conditioner. Your donations can be placed in the wicker basket in the Narthex. **We will collect until November 5th.**



Knox Honour Roll- Remembrance Day

World War I 1914-1918

Gordon Birchard
James A. Bryant
Robert S. Frame
Fred Isaac
George Gordon Laing
Arthur R. Smith
John T. McDermid
Elsie Ross
Arthur James Trow
Alvin Spencer Trow
Robert McKay
G. Leslie Rankin
William Reid
T. Fleming Robertson
Thomas G. Roffey
Ewen Cameron Nicol
James W. Lowe
Henry Noble Orr
Robert S. Wilson
M. Stewart McTavish

World War II 1939-1945

Thomas Baillie
Grant Sanderson Hall
Raymond Whaley
Thomas Ralph Millman

Cher Ami – A story of wartime animal bravery

This is the story from WW1 of Cher Ami, an English racing pigeon who became a legendary hero of the war in 1918. It was common for pigeons to carry messages from the battlefield back to headquarters. British bird racers sent 400 birds to war for sending messages.

An American unit was trapped in a ravine and as the enemy closed in on them, American artillery attempted to protect them but instead started raining down bombs in their own troops. The trapped soldiers only had one pigeon left, Cher Ami, who was available to carry a message to headquarters to tell them to stop the bombing. The little bird came under extreme fire, suffering serious injuries, but kept flying, 25 miles in 25 minutes, and delivered the message to the artillery and the bombing ceased. Cher Ami's very serious wounds were treated immediately by military surgeons who managed to save his life.

After the war, Cher Ami was awarded the French Croix de Guerre, with Oak Leaf Cluster. He toured the USA and eventually died from his injuries in 1919.

This small bird received an outpouring of support and admiration all across the USA. His body was preserved and can be seen today in the Smithsonian Institute in Washington with his military medals on display. He is credited with saving 194 American lives by his actions.

