

**HYMN: #834** God save the King

**POSTLUDE:** Salute to the Military Branches

**Heart of Oak** - The armed forces of the Navy stand

**John Peel** - The members of the Army stand

**RCAF March Past** - The members of the Air Force stand

### **RECESSION**

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**Outreach project for November** - Thank you to everyone who supported the October food drive. All donations will be delivered to the House of Blessing and the Emily Murphy Centre. As the need for food is great in Stratford, we will continue a food drive in November. The focus will be **Meals for a Day** with donations benefitting Shelterlink and the Community Food Shelf at Avondale United Church. Check out the newsletter for details on each Sunday's focus!

Check out the Newsletter and Calendar  
for the month of November at Knox Stratford

**Bible Study** – Thursdays 10am-12 noon

**Choir Practice**– Wednesday at 7pm

**Handcrafters** – Tuesdays - November 5 and 19 at 10:30am

**Automotive Enthusiasts** – Sunday, November 24 afternoon

Next Sunday, **November 10** we will read the  
Knox Honour Roll from WWI and WWII.

Everyone is invited to honour and thank Rev. Dr. David Thompson for his time as Supply and Interim Minister since March 2023. His farewell service will be **Sunday, November 17.** **We will enjoy cake and ice cream, and fellowship together following the service.**

## **KNOX PRESBYTERIAN STRATFORD** **Legion Community Remembrance Day Service**

**November 3, 2024.**

**EPIC SUNDAY-Engaging People In Community**

**Interim Minister:** The Reverend Dr. David Thompson

**Interim Moderator:** Rev. Rob Congram

**Music Director:** Suzanne Strahan **Treasurer:** Shannon Archer

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**WELCOME to the members of the Armed Forces, Veterans,  
Legion , Army, Navy, Air Force Association members,  
Cadets and the Stratford Concert Band.**

Please join us for REFRESHMENTS and FELLOWSHIP  
in the West Transept following the service.

**Prelude:** Stratford Concert Band- Laurence Gauci, Conductor

**Procession of Military Veterans, Legion,  
ANAF members and Cadets (Please stand if able)**

**Entrance and Presentation of the Colours**

**HYMN: #833** The National Anthem: O Canada

- **Why do we remember?** Frank Mathieson  
Branch 8 President
- **Reading of the Roll of Honour** - Frank Mathieson
- **The Last post** - Bob Pope
- **2 Minutes of Silence**
- **The Lament** - Dan Johnson
- **The Rouse** - Bob Pope
- **The Act of Remembrance** - Frank Mathieson
- **Prayer** - Rev. Rhonda Read, Legion Chaplain

### **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

**One:** Happy are those whose hope is in the LORD,

**Many:** For God keeps faith with us forever.

**One:** Praise God who brings justice for the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

**Many:** We will praise the One who lifts up all those who bear heavy burdens.

**One:** God will reign in mercy and righteousness for all generations.

**Many:** Let us praise the LORD with our lips and honour God with our lives.

**PRAYER OF APPROACH: (Together)** God of justice and peace, we gather at this solemn time of year, aware of the costliness of human history. In the face of hostility between nations and neighbours, You have come to us in Jesus Christ, carrying no sword, calling us to serve as peacemakers. In this time of worship, renew in us the hope that You will turn swords into ploughshares, and lead the world You love away from making war for pride or profit. By the power of Your Spirit, renew Your promise of peace with justice for all Your peoples.

**HYMN: #330** O God our help

**PRAYER OF ADORATION, CONFESSION: (Together)**  
God of justice and mercy, we confess that the world around us is in a mess. Nations turn disputes over territory into acts of aggression. Old enemies stir up conflict with their rivals. Threats of violence keep us all on edge. We confess we have not learned from past conflicts what leads to peace with justice among nations and neighbours. Forgive us, and lead us in a better way. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon (Minister):** Be at peace this day. Jesus, our Advocate, knows the temptations of the human heart. From the throne of God, he offers us mercy in our weakness and renewal to all. Thanks be to God!

**THE PEACE of CHRIST:** Let the Peace of Christ be with you!

**Congregation:** And also, with you.

Please take time and greet one another.

**CHOIR ANTHEM:** "Inscription of Hope" Z. Randall Stroope

**Script for the Anthem:** The Holocaust is a stunning reminder of the tragic results of prejudice and hate toward other people. But it is also a reminder that hope held firm will eventually reign victorious over the greatest of odds. The following words were inscribed on the walls of a cellar in Cologne, Germany, where Jews were hiding from the Nazis during World War II. Hope was all they had to hold on to; hope was their only bridge to a brighter tomorrow.

\*\*Children will leave for Sunday School following the Anthem

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

**Isaiah 2:4-5** - Maureen Abbott, VP ANAF.

**Psalms 23** - Rev. Rhonda Read, Legion Chaplain

**Matthew 24: 4-8** - Knox Lay reader

**HYMN: #325** (The Navy Hymn) Eternal Father strong to save

**SERMON:** "Finding Hope when the world is in a mess."

**HYMN: #654** O God of Bethel Verses 1,3 and 4

**OFFERING - DOXOLOGY #79** Offering is brought forward.

The offering can be placed on the offering plates at the back of the church before or during the service, or at the front after.

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (Together)** Receive our gifts this day, O God, and bless them with Your love and power. Use them in the work for justice and peace to prevail. Bless all who take a stand against injustice, here and everywhere, in the name of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. Amen

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**HYMN: #451** Dear Lord and Father Verses 1,5 and 6

**BENEDICTION:** Colour Party retrieves Colours