

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In Jesus Christ, the God of heaven
made his home on earth,

**All: becoming our neighbor, living next door,
living with us.**

One: So, come now, you who are far from home
and long to draw close to God,

All: you who are weary and long to be cared for.

One: Our God is with us.

All: Our God draws near, now and always.

UNISON PRAYER OF APPROACH Almighty and eternal God,
so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our
imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours,
utterly dedicated unto you; and then use us, we pray, as you will,
but always to your glory and the welfare of your people, through
our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

HYMN #423 Sing your praise to God eternal All verses

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to
you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have
not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor
as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or
walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in
your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from
our sin.

**All: Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right
spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take
your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your
salvation and restore us with your bountiful Spirit through
Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON God so loved the world that he
gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may
not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send
the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that
the world might be saved through him.

THE PEACE of CHRIST Take a moment and greet each other.

HYMN #471 We are one in the Spirit

CHOIR ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 10:25-37

SERMON "Who Is My Neighbour"

HYMN #489 Help us to help each other, Lord Verses 1,3,4

OFFERING 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.

DOXOLOGY #830 Offering is brought forward.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION We bring you these gifts, O God,
from what we have first received from you. Use them, we pray,
to enable the ministries of this church to flourish as we together
serve our neighbours, both near and far away, by showing love
and doing mercy. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercession (all together): Strengthen this congregation in its
work and worship. Fill our hearts with your self-giving love, that
our voices may speak your praise and our lives may conform to
the image of you Son. Nourish us with your Word and
sacraments, that we may faithfully minister in your name and
witness to your love and grace for all the world. In all things for
which we pray, give us the will to seek to bring them about, for
the sake of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN #635 Brother, Sister, Let Me Serve You Verses 1,2,3,4

BENEDICTION

One: As you leave this place this day,
may Christ's love sustain you,

All: and may we love those we meet as you loved us.

One: May the Spirit empower you,

**All: and may we empower all we meet,
seeking their health and flourishing.**

One: May God's joy fill your hearts,

**All: and may that joy overflow to the ends of the earth
for God's glory, now and forever. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Join us for fellowship and refreshments after the service.

JANUARY OUTREACH – we are collecting Hand and Feet Warmers during this month to give to the Connection Centre

FEBRUARY OUTREACH – The Knox Sole Walkers have registered a team for the **Coldest Night of the Year walk** on **February 22** in support of Stratford Connection Centre/United Way & Shelterlink Youth Services.

SAVE the DATE!

Tuesday, March 4 - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
More details to follow!

Something to think about... Would you consider being part of a **CARE team at Knox**? Perhaps sending a card or calling someone from the congregation. Please let Pastor Kelli, Shirley or Nancy know if you are interested.

KNOX CHURCH STRATFORD



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