

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Be still and know that God is.

All: God was also in the beginning.

One: And when all human striving has ceased, God will still be.

All: From everlasting to everlasting, God is God, and alone is worthy to be worshiped.

PRAYER OF APPROACH

One: God, our Creator, from nothing you made our world.

All: You formed us, love us, and give us all that we need.

One: God, our Redeemer, you rescued us from sin.

All: You have given us new life and hope of healing to the world.

One: God, our Comforter, you are with us always.

All: You comfort us, renew us, and guide us into our truth.

One: Almighty God, for your gracious love for us,
we praise you. Amen.

HYMN #412 Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord Our Song
All Verses

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (All together) Forgive us for being too busy and full of self-importance to be the neighbors you have called us to be. Teach us to open our hearts, to open our homes and churches, to visit the lonely, to bring your love into their lives on this earth. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God the Creator brings you new life, forgives and redeems you. Take hold of this forgiveness, and live your life in the Spirit of Jesus. Amen.

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

HYMN #637 Take My Life and Let it Be Consecrated
Verses 1,3,5,6

CHOIR ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 10:38-42

SERMON "Time to Neighbour"

HYMN #638 Take Time to Be Holy All Verses

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 Generous God, each moment is a gift from you. You give us all that we have. In gratitude, we offer our time, talents, and tithes. May they bless others as we have been blessed. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercession (all together) You have been our God in ages past, and we know that you will continue to be our God in years to come. So, wrap us in your arms of love, as together at the beginning of this new day, this new year, we join in the church's ancient prayer:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN #461 Be Thou My Vision Verses 1,2,4,5

BENEDICTION

As you leave here today, may you go with the presence of Christ as your guide, eager to be Christ's presence in the lives of others.

All: Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart.

May you leave here desiring to guard your tongue and mind, to put aside actions and speech that harm others.

All: Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word.

BENEDICTION continued:

May you leave here desiring the flourishing of all people, to serve without being hungry for praise, to give up your own position and greed so that others may experience the bounty of this world.

All: Be my inheritance now and always.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us all as together we build God's beautiful community.

**All: Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all. 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!

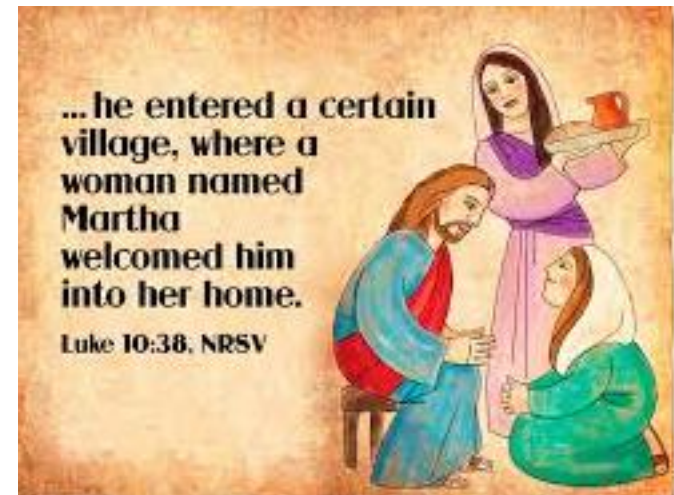
Tuesday, March 4 - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
More details to follow!

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.



If you miss a Sunday Service, the sermon is available on YouTube. Subscribe or search for Knox Stratford Presbyterian Church

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