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December 25, 2022 – Christmas Day

Worship Leader: The Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis
Music Director: Chellan Hoffman **Knox United Church Choir**
Reader: Karen Harrison

*We extend a warm welcome to our Knox community – to those who are tuning in to the livestream service from home or away, and to those who are gathered in our sanctuary.
You are all an integral part of this community. Thank you for being here.*

We acknowledge that we live, work, play and worship on the traditional territories of the Blackfoot Confederacy (Siksika, Kainai, and Piikani), the TsuuT'ina, the Stoney Nakoda Nations (Bears paw, Chiniki, and Wesley), the Métis Nation (Region 3), and all people who make their homes in the Treaty 7 region of Southern Alberta.

All are welcome in our faith community, regardless of age, colour, ethnic, religious or linguistic background, gender, gender identity, social or economic circumstances, sexual orientation and physical or mental capabilities. Knox has been a proud member of Affirm United since 2007.

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

PRELUDE **Lullaby on *Away in a Manger*** (tune: Cradle Song) arr. Malcolm Archer
Cantilena on *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* arr. James Biery

WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

***HYMN** **“Joy to the World”** VU 59

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: To us, watchful and waiting, a gift has been slipped into our midst.

All: A tiny child, born in a manger.

One: A gift of peace to troubled hearts and dangerous streets.

All: A gift of joy to sad hearts and cautious lives,

One: A gift of hope to wearied brows and oppressed peoples.

All: A tiny child, gift of God.

One: Open your hearts; raise your songs.

All: Give thanks to the giver; welcome the gift.

OPENING PRAYER

Emmanuel, God with us, we give thanks for this day of celebration. We give thanks for the gift of your presence. We give thanks for the ways hope, peace, joy, and love are experienced in the world. On this day of feasts and celebration, may we kindle the light. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ, be with you.
And also with you. Amen.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER *(purple music sheets available in pews)*

Cantor: Heavenly Father, All: Heavenly Father,
Cantor: Heavenly Mother, All: Heavenly Mother,

**All: Holy and blest is your true name.
We pray for your reign of peace to come,
We pray that your good will be done,
Let heaven and earth become one, let heaven and earth become one.**

**Give us this day the bread we need, give it to those who have none.
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Let forgiveness flow like a river between us, from each one to each one.
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Lead us to holy innocence beyond the evil of our days.**

**Come quickly, Mother, Father, come; come quickly Mother, Father come.
For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy,
For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy.
Forever your name is all in one; forever your name is all in one.
A — men; A — men; A — men.**

CANDLELIGHTING

You are invited to light a candle at the front of the Sanctuary. Candles are lit as a symbol of remembrance, celebration, gratitude, prayer.

Music: Reflection on *Away in a Manger* (tune: Mueller) David Schelat

HYMN “Go Tell it on the Mountain” VU 43

THE BLESSING

POSTLUDE Der Tag, Der Ist So Freudenreich J.S. Bach
“The day is so full of joy”

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***Thank you for spending time in community worship at Knox United Church, Calgary.
May you feel God’s peace, care, energy, and blessing
within you and around you this coming week.***

Please stay for coffee, tea, and conversation!

Thank You to Knox staff & volunteers:

Sheena Trotter-Dennis (minister)
Sue Forsyth (office administrator)
Jampa Tseten, Stephen Wallace (caretaker)
Carey Barrett/Frank Lam (video operator)
Tenzin Dawa/Steve Miller (sound operator)

Chellan Hoffman (director of music)
Gerald Love (greeter & usher)
Bob Benner (sanctuary preparation)
Murray, Vi, Chuck (coffee crew)
Roman Sizer (social media; IT support)

KNOX EVENTS

In the Bleak Mid Winter – a series of thoughtful gatherings

Beginning January 18th, 12:30-1:30 pm, Labyrinth Room

What happens after the Christmas left-overs are finished, the kids have returned to school and the family has gone home? How do we carry hope, peace, joy and love with us through the long, cold winter days?

Join us for a time of reflection and conversation. Held in the beautiful Labyrinth Room, framed with music, a reading, and a time for silence and quiet reflection, we will come together to listen, to talk and to be in community together.

All are welcome.

Week 1 (January 18 th):	In the Bleak Mid-Winter? Hope after Christmas
Week 2 (January 25 th):	In the Bleak Mid-Winter? Peace after Christmas
Week 3 (February 1 st):	In the Bleak Mid-Winter? Love after Christmas
Week 4 (February 8 th):	In the Bleak Mid-Winter? Joy after Christmas