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November 27, 2022 – 1st Sunday of Advent

Worship Leader: The Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis

Music Director: Chellan Hoffman **Knox United Church Choir**

Reader: Ann Farebrother **Cantor:** Karen Harrison and Pete Dennis

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.

PRELUDE	Pastorale Symphony, from <i>Messiah</i>	G.F. Handel; arr. Jan Sanborn
	Wexford Carol	trad. Irish; arr. Vicki Collinsworth
	Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming	trad. German; arr. Lloyd Larson

WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN VU 1 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verses 1,2,6,7)**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Today is the first Sunday of Advent – a time of preparation and waiting.

All: We wait expectantly with hope!

One: We light the first candle.

All: We kindle it with hope. We long for you to come to our world, to break through and reign with compassion, justice, and peace.

One: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!

All: O Come, O, Come, Emmanuel!

ADVENT SONG VU 7 Hope is a Star (sung seated while the candle is lit)

Hope is a star that shines in the night,
Leading us on till the morning is bright.
When God is a child there's joy in our song.
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
And none shall be afraid.

OPENING PRAYER

Come, Holy One, come! Renew our worn-out hopes. Restore our forgotten dreams. Come, Prince of Peace. Refashion our commitment to a world where justice and peace embrace. Come, Wonderful Counsellor. Rekindle our joy for living and refuel our passion for truth. Come, Giver of Life. Refresh our yearning for you. Come, Jesus, come.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (see insert)

Rexton James Sarom Nhoek

Parents: Alisia Salmon and ChanDary Nhoek

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER (see purple sheet)

CANDLELIGHTING / OFFERING

You are invited to light a candle at the front of the Sanctuary. Candles are lit as a symbol of remembrance, celebration, gratitude, prayer. Please take this opportunity to make an offering online or in person at the candle table. Your financial support makes a huge difference in the future of Knox.

Music: Es ist ein Ros' Entsprungen, from *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1599
arr. Harry Stack

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 9:2-7

REFLECTION The Songs of Christmas: Isaiah's Song Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis

***CLOSING HYMN VU 9 People Look East**

THE BLESSING

POSTLUDE Wacht Auf, Ruft Uns Die Stimme J.S. Bach

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

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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!

Congregational Meeting – TODAY @ 11:45 am in the Sanctuary and on Zoom
Please join us for this important meeting.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kvj7sJ6Zi>

Phone in: 587 328 1099

Thank You to Knox staff & volunteers:

Sheena Trotter-Dennis (minister)	Chellan Hoffman (director of music)
Sue Forsyth (office administrator)	Gerald Love (greeter & usher)
Jampa Tseten, Stephen Wallace (caretaker)	Bob Benner (sanctuary preparation)
Carey Barrett/Frank Lam (video operator)	Murray, Vi, Chuck (coffee crew)
Tenzin Dawa/Steve Miller (sound operator)	Roman Sizer (social media; IT support)

Weekly Security help: Jim Smith, Ricardo Moraes-Pinto, Rosalee Morrison, Holly Smith

Weekly office help: Dennis Ruf, Tony Vandervliet, Karen Harrison

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALENDAR

Advent Wednesdays at 10 am - Coffee Break in the Sanctuary with Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis
Monday November 28 @ 7:00 pm, Calgary Carol Festival
Tuesday November 29 – Book Study - discussion on “Speaking Christian” by Marcus Borg (Boardroom)
Thursday December 1 @ 7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal in the Labyrinth Room
Sunday December 4, 2022, @ 11:45 - The Knox United Church Foundation AGM
Sunday December 11 at 11:45 am - Christmas Bake Sale.
Sunday December 11 at 11:45 am - The Finance/Stewardship Team Meeting

KNOX EVENTS

Ushers and Volunteers Required – *Numerous occasions*

Volunteer ushers for a number of concerts and also for the Christmas Eve Service are urgently needed.
Most rental agreements we host require that we supply ushers.
As a result, we need volunteers. We can't do it without you!
Please support Knox in this important way.
Please go to the Knox website and sign up for the many events and the position of your choosing.

Advent Wednesdays at 10 AM - Coffee Break in the Sanctuary

Come join the discussion! On Wednesday mornings at 10 am during Advent, you are invited to drop in for a weekly discussion on the week's theme and text (November 23, 30, December 7, 14). We will meet for 1 hour. Come once or come every time. No preparation necessary - just come open to engage with the text and with one another. For more information, you can email Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis at strotterdennis@kxcalgary.com.

Calgary Carol Festival 2022 – Nightly @ 7:00 PM
Friday, November 25 to Monday, November 28.

Knox is once again hosting this exciting celebration of magical carols and choirs! This not-to-be-missed event will expand to four days this year. Admission is by donation of cans or cash for the Calgary Food Bank.

HO, HO, HO: *The Christmas Bake Sale!!*

The Christmas bake sale will be held on **December 11@ 11:45 am** It is time to start planning what “holiday goodies” you want to contribute to this all important Knox fundraiser.

The Knox United Church Foundation AGM – *Sunday December 4 @ 11:45*

This is the Annual General Meeting of the Knox Foundation. It will be a hybrid in person / online meeting. Financial results will be presented, and directors elected. The meeting will last about 15 minutes. Members of Knox United Church (KUC) and the community are encouraged to attend.

The Knox Foundation is a registered Canadian charity. Its sole beneficiary is Knox United Church.

The mandate of the Knox Foundation is to receive, manage and grow funds from endowments. Income or other capital from these funds are used to support the ongoing ministry of KUC and for the maintenance of the historical building, Casavant organ, and the Memorial Garden. The Foundation provides sustaining income annually to KUC as well as needed funding for large capital projects at the Church.

The Finance/Stewardship Team Meeting – *December 11*

The Finance/Stewardship Team will meet again **AFTER** the Knox Bake Sale on December 11, 2022 @12 noon in the Boardroom. The Agenda will include the Stewardship Campaign Evaluation, a review of the Nov-Dec Financial budget (if available), and next steps from the Congregational Town Hall Meeting held in late November. Bring your baking and enjoy it while we meet!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

The second annual ***All is Calm, All is Bright Advent Music Concert*** is back this year by popular demand! Our Knox Choir will be singing Advent music, alongside multiple church choirs from Calgary. The event is FREE, FAMILY-FRIENDLY, and open to all. There is a free-will offering at the door to cover the costs of the concert.

Time and Date: Saturday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m.
Location: Grace Presbyterian Church, 1009 15 Ave SW
Register at: www.GraceChurchCalgary.com/events/

DID YOU KNOW ...

PARKING AT BARCLAY CENTRE

Barclay Centre graciously has extended our parking privileged for another year. The cost is now \$1.05 but sometimes someone has received a parking ticket because the stall number on the receipt did not match the stall where they parked. Please check to make sure that they match because sometimes the first number entered does not register. If they don't match, pay for the parking again. This will be cheaper than a \$50.00 ticket!

Lighting Candles 101



1. Dip stick in wax and then in flame. (This facilitates lighting).
2. Extinguish by pushing into sand. (Please do not blow to extinguish – this causes second-hand smoke. (Do not pass to next person either as this might light them on fire).

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