



KNOX CHURCH

love faith outreach community justice

Order of Service 24 December 2017



NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Tea and coffee are served in the Lounge following the morning service

A loop system for hearing aids operates at Knox

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WELCOME TO KNOX

Knox Church is a congregation within the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand. We aim to create Christian community in which people of all ages, sexual orientations, cultural backgrounds and socio-economic situations are included as equally valued participants in our congregational life. We cherish our diversity, offering a safe place of belonging to any who wish to explore their beliefs in an atmosphere promoting discussion, the development of healthy relationships and spiritual growth. We strive to be open to dialogue and shared experiences with people of other faiths. We enjoy worshipping the God made known in Jesus, endeavouring to do so in ways that are relevant to our daily lives, respect the integrity of creation, and make a positive difference to our wider world.

The Welcome:

Kia noho a Ihowa ki a koutou. God be with you.
MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

The Notices

The Advent Wreath:

The Candle of the Great Prologue

John, the gospel writer, wrote
“In the beginning was the Word;
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.”

We light a candle in acknowledgement
of God’s being with us from the beginning.

**GIVE US THE JOY, O GOD,
OF KNOWING YOUR ABIDING PRESENCE,
RENEWED AND CELEBRATED AT CHRISTMAS.**

(The candle is lit)

Make us a people who see light in the darkness.
AMEN! COME, LORD JESUS.



Although there is no Sunday School today, young ones are welcome to enjoy the activity corner at the back of the church where they will find toys, an activity sheet and craft materials to use making decorations for the Christmas tree. Sunday School begins again in February.

Introit:

Hark! A herald voice is calling
Text: "En clara vox redarguit" 5th century
Tune: Leinad, Daniel Cooper (b. 1997)

The Opening Hymn:

Irby

H. J. Gauntlett (1805-1876)



Verse 1 is sung by a soloist.

Verse 2 is sung by choir only.

The congregation stands and starts singing at verse 3

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| 1. Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle-shed
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child. | 2. He came down to earth from heaven
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor and mean and lowly
lived on earth our Saviour holy. |
| 3. And our eyes at last shall see him,
through his own redeeming love,
for that child so dear and gentle
is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on
to the place where he is gone. | |
| 4. Not in that poor lowly stable,
with the oxen standing by,
we shall see him; but in heaven,
set at God's right hand on high;
when, like stars, his children crowned
all in white shall wait around. | |

C. F. Alexander (1818-1895)

The Bidding Prayer

... OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME;
YOUR KINGDOM COME, YOUR WILL BE DONE,
ON EARTH AS IN HEAVEN.
GIVE US TODAY OUR DAILY BREAD.
FORGIVE US OUR SINS
AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO SIN AGAINST US.
SAVE US FROM THE TIME OF TRIAL AND DELIVER US FROM EVIL.
FOR THE KINGDOM, THE POWER AND THE GLORY ARE YOURS
NOW AND FOR EVER.
AMEN.

First Lesson: Genesis 3: 3-15

Carol: Sans Day Carol
John Rutter (b. 1945)

Second Lesson: Genesis 22: 15-18

Carol: Blessed be the God the Father
Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1766-1837)

Third Lesson: Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7

Carol: Unto Us is Born a Son
Piae Cantiones, 1582,
Arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015)

Fourth Lesson: Isaiah 11: 1-9

Carol: Angels Carol
John Rutter (b. 1945)

Hymn

Stuttgart

Melody attrib. Christian F. Witt (1660-1716)



1. Come, O long-expected Jesus,
born to set all people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
grant us your true liberty.
2. Israel's strength and consolation,
hope to all the earth impart;
dear desire of every nation,
enter every longing heart.
3. Born all people to deliver,
born a child, you came to reign!
Born to rule on earth for ever,
come, be known to us again.
4. By your own eternal Spirit
come to claim us as your own;
by your all-sufficient merit
let us share your cross and crown.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Fifth Lesson:

Luke 1: 26-38



Woelfel, Nigeria, Annunciation

Carol:

Magnificat in C
Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Sixth Lesson:

Luke 2: 1-7

Offertory Hymn:

The First Noel

English traditional melody



well, born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Organ fanfare

1. The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel!*

2. They lookèd up and saw a star,
shining in the east, beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night:
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell . . .

Organ solo verse

3. Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,
that hath made heav'n and earth of naught,
and with his blood salvation bought:
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell . . .

English traditional carol, arranged by David Willcocks

We remain standing for
The Dedication of the Offering

We make this offering in love, hope and praise.

**MAY GOD DIRECT ITS USE,
MOVE US TO LIVE LIVES OF SERVICE,
AND BLESS ALL PEOPLE THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON.
AMEN.**

Seventh Lesson: Luke 2: 8-16



Shepherd boy, Umm al Ahmad

Introit: "O Holy Night"
Adolphe Adam (1803-1856)

Eight Lesson: Matthew 2: 1-11

Carol: Nativity Carol
John Rutter (b. 1945)

Ninth Lesson: John 1: 1-14

Carol: “Gloria”,
from “Mass in G Major”
Franz Schubert (1797-1828)



Fernando Arizti, Mexico, Incarnation

Hymn:

Adeste Fideles

John Francis Wade (c.1711-1786)



1. O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him
born the king of angels;
O come, let us adore him . . .
Christ the Lord!

2. God of God,
Light of light,
lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
very God,
begotten, not created:
O come, let us adore him . . .
Christ the Lord!

3. Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing all ye citizens of heaven above.
'Glory to God,
glory in the highest':
O come, let us adore him . . .

John Francis Wade (c.1711-1786)

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Go, tell it on the mountain
Traditional, arr. Richard Elliot

Christian World Service Christmas Appeal

Advent 4



Pacific peoples look out on a sea that is creeping closer. King tides and salt water are claiming crops and safe water supplies. Changing weather is making life more hazardous – drought and then a cyclone in Tonga's Ha'apai Group and widespread destruction from Cyclone Pam in Vanuatu. They plant coastal crops in an effort to halt the erosion and make plans to survive natural disaster. At every level, Pacific peoples are seeking allies in their campaign to stop global warming with its threats to their homes and their land. By doing all we can to stop the rising global temperature, we can share the hope of survival.

Please give generously to the Christmas Appeal. Let's make hope our story!

Christmas Services

**Sunday 24 December,
11:15pm**

A Christmas Eve service of
Carols, Candlelight and
Communion

vacancy, no-vacancy and
welcoming the child



**Monday 25
December,
10:00am**

A simple celebration for
Christmas Day

“to those who received him, he
gave the power to become
children of God”



Services over New Year

From 31 December through to 21 January, Knox and Durham Street Methodist hold combined morning services at Knox



Sunday 31 December

10:00am

Durham Street provides leadership

Sunday 7 January

10:00am

Communion service, with Durham Street providing leadership

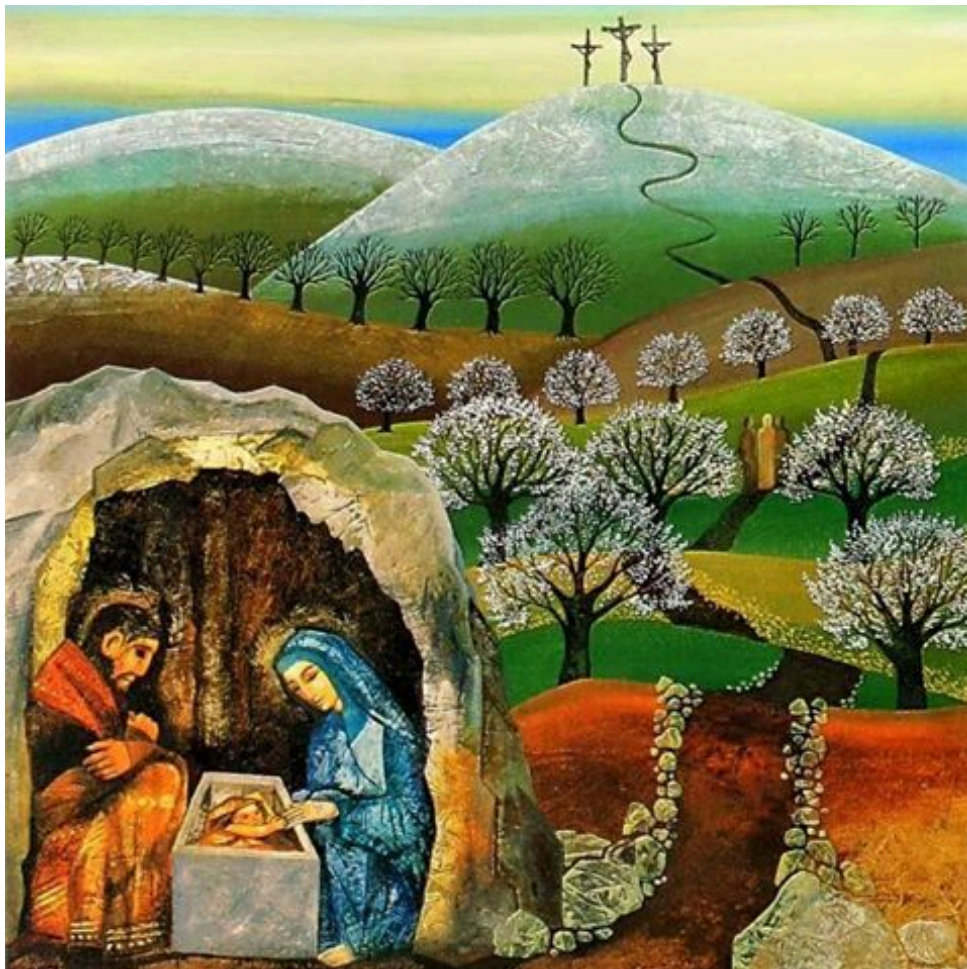
Sundays 14 & 21 January,

10:00am

Knox provides leadership.

Sunday 28 January, 10:00am

We return to our usual service schedule.



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