

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**Harvey, N.B.****“Reaching up to God, to reach out to the World”**

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January 4th, 2014**2nd Sunday after Christmas/Celebration of Epiphany****WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD**** Please stand as you are able***Prelude****Lighting of the Christ Candle****Welcome and Announcements*****Introit:****Good Christians, all rejoice (vs 1 & 3) 141*****Call to Worship:****Leader:** Arise, shine, for your light has come.**People:** **The glory of the Lord shines like the sun.****Leader:** Behold, the nations have come to witness God's light.**People:** **Kings have come to behold Christ's brightness.****Leader:** Lift up your eyes and look around.**People:** **The glory of the Lord has come.****Leader:** Let us worship this most Holy One.***Hymn:** Angels from the realms of glory (vs 1, 2, 5)

Prayer of Approach (concluding with the Lord's Prayer
– sung to the tune of Away in A Manger)

**Our Father in heaven, all praise to your name
Your Kingdom among us, your will done the same
By mortals and angels. Come Lord, reign alone:
Oh, hear us and bless us from heaven's high
throne.**

**The bread that we yearn for provide us each day;
As we forgive others, our sins take away;
In times of temptation, to lead us be near;
From evil deliver your children most dear.**

**For yours is the kingdom; o'er all things you
reign.**

**And yours is the power, all things you maintain.
To you be the glory, resounding again,
From all of creation, forever! Amen**

Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God, following only a star in the sky,
kings of old left their families and their lands to
find a child whose birth was so profound, it was
proclaimed in the heavens above. When we
would rather sit comfortably in our homes than
make spiritual pilgrimages of our own, clothe our
feet of clay in walking shoes and send us on our
way. At this season of light, help us shine your
light in the darkness to honor the King of kings.
Open our shut-up hearts to those in need, that
the gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh might
not be the last gifts offered to the one who brings
light into our lives (silent prayer) Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Family Hymn: We three kings 166

Time with the Y-POG

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination: Open our eyes, Lord
 Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
 To reach out and touch him, and say that we
 love him
 Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
 Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 60: 1-6

***Hymn** Mary's Boy Child (see insert)

***Responsive Psalm:** Psalm 72:1-7

***Gloria Patri:**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
 Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now
 and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
 Amen.

The Epistle: Ephesians 3: 1-12

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

The Gospel of our risen Lord

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon

Anthem

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

The Offering

***Doxology:** (tune: God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen)

Unto God our thanks we raise,

While these our gifts we bring.

For Christ has come that we might live,

The children of the King.

From Him both love and freedom,

Most graciously do spring.

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,

O tidings of comfort and joy.

(Rev. G.D. Johnston)

Prayer of Dedication*Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession*****Hymn:** Joy to the world 153***Charge and Benediction*****Choral Amen*****Song of Dismissal**

Go now in peace, never be afraid.
 God will go with you each hour of every day.
 Go now in faith; steadfast, strong, and true.
 Know he will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.
 Reach out to others so all the world can see.
 God will be there, watching from above.
 Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Postlude

WELCOME We are pleased that you have joined with us for worship today. If you are worshipping with us for the first time today, a special welcome is extended to you. Everyone is invited to a time of coffee and fellowship immediately following the worship service.

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS are with all who are sick, in hospital or at home; as well as those awaiting diagnosis and/or treatment. And we hold close all those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

2015 PCC MISSION CALENDARS are available at a cost of \$5. All proceeds go to support our Kids of the Kingdom and their missional efforts. Please see Lynn Craig or Anne.

TAX BENEFIT *my books will be closing Jan. 11th. If anyone wants anything receipted for 2014 it must be in*

my hands by then. As the new year approaches, a reminder that donations made to the church through either PAR or weekly envelopes are eligible for a tax receipt. If you are regularly giving to the church and not receiving this benefit, please speak to Sharon Messer

Session would like to acknowledge and thank everyone for their bigheartedness over the Christmas Season. Whether you participated in our White Gift program and/or the Cheer Baskets, assisted with the YPOG concert, gave to Christmas Mommies at the Christmas Eve service or were involved in random acts of Christmas kindness, your generosity is deeply appreciated.

“Ye who now will bless the poor, shall yourselves find blessing.” (Good King Wenceslas)

GREETING CARDS are available for order in sets of 6 cards (with envelopes) for \$5. Each set comes with a picture of Knox and your choice of: “thank you”, “thinking of you”, or blank. If interested, please fill out the sheet available in the basement, or speak directly to Marlene Philips.

HARVEY ELEMENTARY BREAKFAST PROGRAM continues to require assistance. If you can offer any help, please contact the school for the most urgent needs.



FOOD BANK. The congregation is reminded that the last Sunday of each month has been designated Food Bank Sunday. However, non-perishable food items may be left in at the back of the church any time of the month for distribution to the community's needy.



NURSERY care is available for children who are too young to participate in our “Y-POG” program. The nursery located directly across the hall from the YPOGs.

Psalm 111

One: Praise the Lord! With all my heart I will thank the Lord in the assembly of the people.

All: How wonderful are the things God does! All who are delighted with them want to understand them!

One: All that God does is full of honor and majesty; God’s righteousness is eternal.

All: God does not let us forget God’s wonderful actions; our God is kind and merciful.

One: God provides food for those who are faithful, and never forgets the covenant he has made with us.

All: God has shown us great power by giving us the heritage of nations.

One: The works of God’s hands are faithful and just and dependable.

All: They last for all time; they were given in truth and righteousness.

One: God has set the people free, and made an eternal covenant with them. Holy and mighty is our God!

All: The way to become wise is to have reverence for God, who gives sound judgment to all who obey God’s commands.

The minister may be contacted by phone at the church, in her home (study), or by cell, or at any time by text or email. She would be pleased to receive inquiries regarding church activities, the Christian faith, or to offer support for challenges in Christian living. Appointments can be made to meet at the church or in your home at a convenient time.