

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

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January 11th, 2014**Baptism of the Lord****WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD**

** Please stand as you are able*

Prelude**Lighting of the Christ Candle****Welcome and Announcements*****Introit:**

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ the true, the only light,
Sun of righteousness, arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night.
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Day-star in my heart appear.

Visit, then, this soul of mine;
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, radiance divine;
scatter all my unbelief;
More and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: Our lives have purpose.

People: **We are called to be like Christ and
serve God.**

Leader: God chooses us and loves us.

People: God calls us by name and we belong to God.

Leader: God will bring to completion the good work of grace started in us,

People: And we will find joy, peace, and restoration in God's loving plan.

Leader: Let us worship this God, who claims us and loves us!

***Hymn:** Thou whose almighty word 291

Prayer of Approach (including Lord's Prayer)

Prayer of Confession

Creator God, you call us to turn toward your holy light. Instead, we close our eyes to what you would have us see, and are lured into the dark places of selfishness and greed. You call us to care for our neighbors as ourselves, and to love the world that you have created. Instead, we look for reasons to challenge and mistrust, putting our own desires ahead of the needs of others. You call us to put our faith in you, and know that everyone is your beloved child. Forgive us, Holy One, for we forget our baptismal promises, looking to ourselves rather than to you for our salvation. (silent prayer) Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Family Hymn: Jesus bids us shine 773

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: Genesis 1:1–5 (p 2)

***Responsive Psalm:** Psalm 29 (bulletin p 6)

***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.**

New Testament : Acts 19:1–7 (p 1347)

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Gospel: Mark 1:4–11 (p 1191)

The Gospel of our risen Lord

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon

Anthem

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

The Offering

***Doxology:**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him, all creatures here below

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

***Hymn** Lord, the light of your love is shining 376

***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 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.

KNOX GUILD members are reminded that our "Leftover Holiday Evening" will be held on **Wed., Jan. 4th at Marilyn Wood's at 6:00 pm**. People designated to cook will be notified. Others, please bring items for the Food Bank. Remember also to bring your inexpensive gift for the swap.

TAX BENEFIT The church's financial books will be closing **TODAY**. *If anyone wants anything receipted for 2014 it must be in Sharon Messer's hands today.* Also as the new year begins, a reminder that all offerings 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 do speak to Sharon.

KIDS OF THE KINGDOM will resume this **Friday, January 16th at 6:30pm** in the church hall.

SENIOR YOUTH will resume this **Friday, January 16th at 8pm** in the church hall. Junior youth will resume the following **Friday (January 23rd) at 7pm**.

SESSION MEETING The regular meeting of the Session of Knox Church will be held **Wednesday, January 21st at 7pm**.

ANNUAL REPORTS will need to be in to the church office/Anne's email by Sunday, January 25th for compilation in advance of the **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**. This meeting is scheduled to follow the service on **Sunday, February 8th, 2015**.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY is January 18th-25th. The various churches in the Harvey area will be celebrating with a service held here at Knox, at **7pm, on Sunday, January 18th** (snow date: Jan. 25th). Various area clergy will be participating in the service. Refreshments will follow. All are welcome.

THESE DAYS We are very happy to report that the daily readings offered by the Advent calendars provided to the congregation this season, have stirred a desire in some to follow this spiritual exercise all year. To that end, the church will be accessing a quarterly digest of daily readings and devotions available through the PCC. These will be available at a minimal cost (approx. \$2/quarter). This cost decreases based on the number of copies we order. If you would be interested in receiving such a devotional, please advise Anne ASAP.

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)

Psalm 29

One: All of you angels in heaven, honor the glory and power of the Lord!

All: Honor the wonderful name of the Lord, and worship the Lord most holy and glorious.

One: The voice of the Lord echoes over the oceans. The glorious Lord God thunders above the roar of the raging sea,

All: and his voice is mighty and marvelous.

One: The voice of the Lord destroys the cedar trees; the Lord shatters cedars on Mount Lebanon.

All: God makes Mount Lebanon skip like a calf and Mount Hermon jump like a wild ox.

One: The voice of the Lord makes lightning flash and the desert tremble.

All: And because of the Lord, the desert near Kadesh shivers and shakes.

One: The voice of the Lord makes deer give birth before their time. Forests are stripped of leaves, and the temple is filled with shouts of praise.

All: The Lord rules on his throne, king of the flood forever.

One: Pray that our Lord will make us strong and give us peace.

2015 PCC 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.

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.