



## SteepleTalk

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### This Sunday's Worship

Third Sunday of Advent

[Isaiah 61:1-11](#)

[Luke 1:46-55](#)

Sermon: "Everlasting Joy"

Gordon Turnbull

**Good  
tidings  
of  
great  
joy**

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### Angel Tree 2017

Thank you all for your amazing generosity with our Angel Tree this year! There are still a few angels available for adoption. Please contact Stevie Greene if you would like details on a specific item needed.

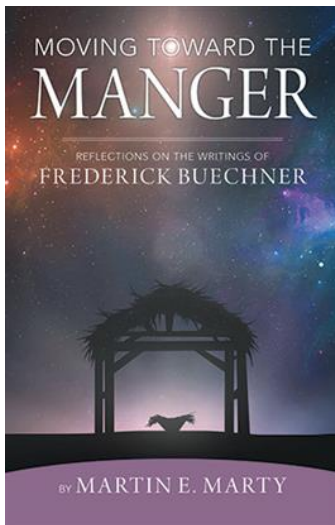
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Please email, call, or text Stevie Greene regarding  
Angel Tree  
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864/616-7430

**If you would like to contribute to the Christmas Flower Fund in honor or memory of someone, please click [here](#), print and fill out the form, and turn in to the church office.**



## **Advent Devotional Booklets**

Moving Toward the Manger:  
Reflections on the Writings of Frederick Buechner

by Martin E. Marty

Available in Narthex and on tables outside of Chapel



## **Advent and Christmas Calendar**

**Sunday, December 17** – 3rd Sunday of Advent  
Worship Services at 8:30 and 11:00 AM

**Wednesday, December 20**  
No Wednesday Night Live programs

**Sunday, December 24 - Christmas Eve**

Morning worship services at 8:30 and 11:00.

5:00 PM - Family Christmas Eve Service - Sanctuary

7:00 PM - Traditional Christmas Eve Service- Sanctuary

11:00 PM - Casual Christmas Eve Service - Chapel

**Monday, December 25 - Christmas Day**

Church offices will be closed.

**Tuesday, December 26**

Church offices will be closed.

**Please note:** the church is not offering a dinner as part of our Christmas Eve schedule this year. The annual challenge of securing the catering for this event is compounded this year by the fact that December 24 falls on a Sunday. Thank you for understanding. We hope that each member and friend of John Knox finds ample opportunity for worship and fellowship through the schedule of five different worship services on December 24.

## Wednesday Night Activities will resume in the New Year. We'll see you on January 10, 2018.

### Finishing Strong in 2017

The end of the year is close at hand, and our leaders and staff are working hard to complete our work for the year and plan for the year ahead. As we finish this year, here are things that each of us can do to strengthen the church's ministry.

**Fulfill your 2017 commitment**

Have you fulfilled your pledge for 2017? If you are not sure, feel free to call Caroline Bishop at the church for an update on your pledge status.

**Consider extra giving**

Many people choose to remember or honor loved ones with special gifts to the church at Christmas. Others plan significant donations to worthy causes at year's end. Some seek to maximize their tax savings by making sizeable gifts. This kind of giving makes a big difference to our ministry. Please consider John Knox Presbyterian Church with this kind of year-end, "above-and-beyond" giving.

**Pledge for 2018**

Our budget depends mainly upon *pledged* offerings. We cannot plan responsibly for ministry without these commitments. If you know that you want to support Christ's ministry through our church, please communicate that desire by submitting a pledge toward our work together.

**Pray for John Knox**

The financial work of our church serves and equips the greater, spiritual work to which we are called. Please join in asking God to enrich our life and direct our work together so that every aspect of our ministry glorifies the Lord we serve.

### Tithes and Offerings

**2018 pledge giving envelopes** will be available in the Narthex for those that attend the 11am service and in the back hallway for those that attend early service. Please discard your current envelopes at the end of 2017. If you give electronically, you will not receive giving envelopes. If you are

interested in giving electronically, please contact Caroline Bishop in the office.



In order for **financial contributions** to be reported on the 2017 giving statements, they need to be delivered to the office by Dec. 31 or mailed with a postmark date of no later than Dec. 31. All contributions hand delivered or postmarked after Dec. 31 will be included on the 2018 giving statements. If you have any questions, please contact Caroline Bishop in the church office.

## Support our Kindergarten and PDO Ministry! Join us for **Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night**

Come eat with several of our teachers tonight  
from 5:00 pm-8:00 pm at the Woodruff Rd.  
location of Chick-Fil-A!



Max Neal, dad to one of our 2 year old students, is the manager and is hosting a Spirit Night on our behalf! **The Kindergarten and PDO program receives 20% of any receipts** placed in the box on the counter during those hours. Please plan on joining us and tell all your friends!!!



## Youth Ministry News

### Sr. High Girls Night THIS SATURDAY!

Due to the beautiful snow last weekend, our high school girls night was cancelled. But good news- it's back on! High School girls, join us this Saturday night from 7-9 at Jessica's house for a hot chocolate bar and sentimental Christmas movie.



### Youth Christmas Parties!

Join us this Sunday night for the last Youth Group of 2017! Wear your best (or tackiest) Christmas gear and bring a \$5 or under gift for our exchange. It's sure to be a fun night of games, Christmas joy, and fellowship over dinner. We can't wait to see you!



### 11:00 Christmas Eve Service

If your family attends the 11pm Christmas Eve Service and one of your children (Youth or Young Adult) would like to take part, email Jessica ([jimeggs@johnknoxpres.org](mailto:jimeggs@johnknoxpres.org))! There are still a handful of roles to be filled, from ushering to reading scripture, and we would love to have you participate!



## Children's Ministry News

### Children's Music Program

Our children did a wonderful job during our Wednesday Night Live Christmas program last week. They led the crowd in a rousing rendition of "The Twelve Days of Christmas", sang a few Christmas songs, and played "Joy to the World" on the bells. They all did a great job!



Our next holiday performance will be on Christmas Eve. The children will be singing during the Family Christmas Service which begins at 5:00. Please have your children wear their Christmas outfits, and meet Mrs. Martin in the choir room at 4:30 to prepare. Parents can go ahead and get a seat in the sanctuary. After we practice, we will bring the children to the sanctuary to sing at the beginning of the service. The children will join their families in the pews after they sing.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### December

14 - Sebastien Bertrand, Davis Dixon, Scott Dixon

- 15 - Beau Gailey
  - 17 - Andy Wettlin, Mills Grant, Jack Lewis
  - 18 - Gram Grant
  - 19 - Margaret Martin, Kim Avila
  - 20 - Mary Stall
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## By the Numbers

Attendance on Sunday, December 10  
8:30 - 64  
11:00 - 216

Weekly Offering Received: \$10,551.35  
Weekly Budgeted Offering: \$16,336.85  
YTD Offering Received: \$768,880.42  
YTD Budgeted Offering: \$816,842.50



Please email all submissions for Steepetalk to [mscott@johnknoxpres.org](mailto:mscott@johnknoxpres.org). For Thursday publication, information must be received by Tuesday at 12 PM.

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