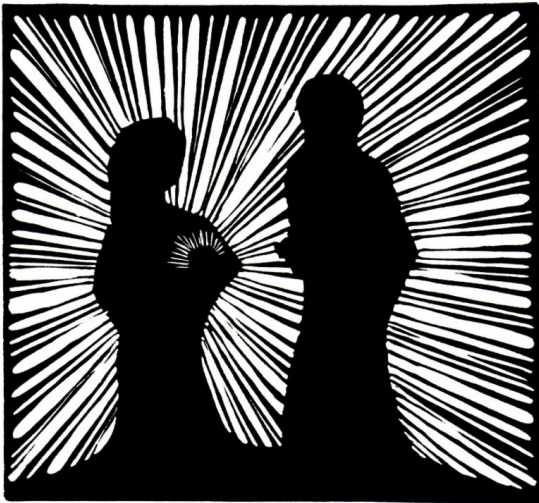




## SteepleTalk

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### This Sunday's Worship Christmas Day

[Luke2:21-35](#)

"Song of Simeon"

Gordon Turnbull

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**There will be no Wednesday Night Live on  
December 28, or January 4. We will resume on  
January 11. See you then!**



**Children's Ministry News**

The children will be singing on Christmas Eve at the 5:00 service. All are invited to sing! Mrs. Martin would like for the children to meet her in the outer Narthex of the sanctuary at 4:45 to prepare. We will walk the children into the sanctuary. They will sing the Introit, and then join their families in the pews. Hope to see you there! Merry Christmas to all of our John Knox families!

Remember: There will be no Sunday School on Sunday, December 25! There will be a nursery available.



***Please refer to your Children's Ministry Newsletter for more details about these and other events for our children! Any questions, contact Susan Felton at [sfelton@johnknoxpres.org](mailto:sfelton@johnknoxpres.org).***

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## Youth News

Thank you to all of our youth and parents who helped give the children at Thornwell a very special Christmas party.





**Youth Group Reminders:** There will be no Sunday School on Sunday, December 25! SundayNight Youth Group will start back on January 8. WNL Youth Group will begin again on January 11.

**Up-coming dates:**

Junior Highs will serve dinner at Triune on Sunday, January 15.

Youth and YAHs Luncheon will be on Sunday, January 22 following the 11:00 service.

We will need parents to help with both of these events. Please let Susan Felton know if you can help out!

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## Finishing Strong in 2016

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 2016 commitment**

Have you fulfilled your pledge for 2016? If you are not sure, feel free to call Brett Simmons 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 2017**

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.



## Holiday Calendar

### Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

5:00 PM - A Family Christmas Eve Service in the Sanctuary

5:45 PM - Christmas Banquet - Reservations were required by Dec. 21

7:00 PM - Our Traditional Christmas Eve Service- Sanctuary with Communion and Candle Lights

11:00 PM - Casual Christmas Eve Service - Chapel

### Sunday, December 25 - Christmas Day

One Worship Service at 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary (no Sunday School)

The church office will be closed on December 26 and 27 for Christmas and January 2 for New Year's.

# THE WEEK AHEAD

### Monday, December 26

Church Office Closed

### Tuesday, December 27

Church Office Closed

7:00 PM Volleyball

### Wednesday, December 28

10:30 AM Staff Meeting

### Saturday, December 31

5:00 PM Chin Church Gathering

### Sunday, January 1

8:45 AM Worship in Chapel

9:45 Sunday School

11:00 Worship in Sanctuary

1:30 PM Chin Church Worship

3:00 Basketball Practices

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### December

22 - Beverly Nelson, Ross Miller

23 - Anna Cain, Tommy Dowling

26 - Isabelle Russell

27 - Leigh Ambrose

28 - Anna White

# Merry CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY New Year

The next edition of Steepletalk will be published on  
Thursday, January, 5.

## By the Numbers

Attendance on December 18:  
8:45 - 80  
11:00 - 204

Weekly Expense Budget: \$17,827.00  
Weekly Offering Received: \$20,606.90  
Expense Budget YTD: \$909,177.00  
Offering Received YTD: \$789,489.41



### First Gift

#### 2017 Stewardship and Mission Giving

Pledges Received To Date: 182  
Amount Pledged: \$700,656.00

*Please return pledge cards to church office as soon as possible. Thankyou!*

## 2016 Annual Giving

As 2016 comes to a close, please remember that in order for your financial contributions to be applied towards your 2016 giving statement, your contribution needs to be delivered to the church office by December 31 or mailed with a postmark date of no later than December 31. All contributions hand delivered or postmarked after December 31 will be included on the 2017 giving statements.

## 2017 Pledge Giving Envelopes

2017 Pledge giving envelopes are available in the Narthex or in the hallway outside the Chapel. If you give electronically, you will not receive giving envelopes. If you are interested in giving electronically, please contact Brett Simmons in the office.

## Brokerage Account

Please be reminded that we have a brokerage account number for stocks gifts. Please be sure to contact Brett Simmons in the church office for details before making any stock transfers.

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

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