

Knox Presbyterian Church

5406 Roome Street, Halifax, NS. B3K 5K7

Prayer on Entering the House of the LORD

Gracious God, we gather to be nourished at your Table and nurtured by your Word. Empower us by your Holy Spirit to share with joy the good news of your presence in our lives; your everlasting love which upholds us, and the gift of your Son who saves us. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Order of Worship for 4th Sunday of Advent December 18, 2011

We gather in God's name to worship

Organ Prelude

Welcome and announcements

Call to Worship

Lighting the Advent Candle of Love – Audrey Croft

*Hymn # 166: *Once in royal David's city*

Prayer of Adoration, Confession and Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn #156: *The angel Gabriel from heaven*

We hear the Word proclaimed

Children's message

Scripture Reading: 2Samuel 7:1 – 11, 16 (299)
Psalm 89:1 – 4, 19 – 29 Book of Psalms
Romans 16:25 – 27 (1104)
Luke 1:26 – 38 (991)

Leader: The Word of the LORD **People: Thanks be to God**

Choir Anthem

Sermon: Expect the unexpected

*Hymn #165: *O little town of Bethlehem*

We respond to God's Word

Invitation to the LORD's Table

*Hymn #549: *For the bread which we have broken – verses 1 – 2*

*Apostles Creed (inside front cover of Book of Praise)

The Offering

*Presentation & Dedication of our Gifts (Doxology #830)

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving/LORD's Prayer (Debts/Debtors)

The Sacrament of the LORD's Supper

We go forth to serve God

*Hymn #549: *For the bread which you have broken – verses 3 – 4*

*Commissioning and Benediction

*Choral "Amen"

*Please stand if you are able

We extend a warm welcome to all who are joining us for worship this morning. If this is your first time worshipping with us, we would be delighted if you would sign our Guest Book. We invite you to stay for coffee/tea and fellowship following the service in the lobby so that we may have an opportunity to get to know you a little better. May God grant His blessing upon you and this gathering of His people.

Ministers: The whole people of God who call Knox their home

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Today's bulletins are in memory of Ruby Moir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

During the celebration of the Sacrament of the LORD's Supper, you will be served bread and grape juice symbolizing the body and blood of Christ. It is our practice to eat the bread and drink the cup together; we encourage you to wait until everyone has been served.

Sundays 10:15 – 10:45 – Prayer meeting in the Parlour: join us as we gather in prayer to discern God's plan for this, His church.

Thurs Dec 22nd – 7:00 p.m. – St. David's is hosting a "Longest Night" service... a service of reflection, contemplation and comfort on the longest night of the year.

Sat Dec 24th – 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service of Lessons and Carols

Sun Dec 25th – 11:00 a.m. – We will be gathering to celebrate the birth of Emmanuel, our Saviour who is Christ the LORD. Come join us as we add our voices in proclaiming the good news which is for all people.

Texts for next Sunday – Christmas Day

Isaiah 52:7 – 10

Psalm 98

Hebrews 1:1 – 12

John 1:1 – 14