

Some important upcoming events

- Apr 12: Knox Heritage Day with Potluck lunch
- Apr 26: Mission Awareness Sunday
- May 24: Pentecost Party
- Nov 7: Annual Dream Auction

We are grateful to those who were involved in worship this morning:

- Organist: Martin Bohl
- Worship Assistant: Elaine McLean
- Greeter: Kathy Bott
- Beadle: Marcus Cawthra
- Sunday School leader: Donald Paddock
- Tech Team: Jacob Marsh, Dylan Smith & Laura Einwechter

Knox Preston Heritage Day

Today we celebrate a very important part of our heritage, our legacy from Knox Preston Presbyterian Church. As a part of this celebration, after worship we will enjoy a potluck lunch together downstairs in the Fellowship Hall! Please join us, whether you brought something to share or not. Someone will be standing by the elevator at the end of the service to help anyone who might have issues with the stairs. Everyone is encourage to celebrate with us. Don't be an Absent Thomas!

We will also need help in the kitchen, take down & clean up!



While you are down there, make sure to check out a vintage quilt on display. It was created at Knox Preston in 1937 as a fundraiser for the Women's Missionary Society. It has been carefully preserved and is on loan to us for

this very special Sunday.



Margaret Roberson Irving

Marg Irving, a longtime member of Knox Preston passed away in 2023. She left a small bequest for the church in her will. This past week, Session decided to make those funds available to support the work of creating a new messy church ministry in Preston. We honour Marg's legacy, her longstanding faith and her planning to support the continuing mission of the church.

This Week at St. Andrew's Hespeler

- Monday: Women's Empowerment group 1:00 pm
- Tuesday: Hope Clothing 9:00 am—11:30 am
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- Wednesday: Mobile Food Market 12:30 - 1:30 pm
- Thursday: Hope Clothing noon—2:00 pm
- Thursday: Cambridge Neighbourhood Table 5:00 pm
- Saturday: Spring Fling Workshops all day

Session Meeting This Week

The Kirk Session met this week. Here are some of the highlights of our meeting:

- Discussions with Rev. Jonathan Tait about finding and pursuing our identity continue. We will next meet with Rev. Tait on April 28. Elders are reading a book, *When Church Stops Working*, at his recommendation
- Decisions were made concerning the Irving bequest and to enable necessary repairs in the Knox Preston space.
- Work on the interior of the Queen St. tower is expected to begin soon.
- Legal issues around the amalgamation are still being resolved.
- Plans for shared summer services are in process and we are looking forward to joining with our friends from Doon, Duff's and Crieff again.
- Clerk, Steve Marsh, reported on his training course for serving as lay interim moderators.

Mission Moment: April 12

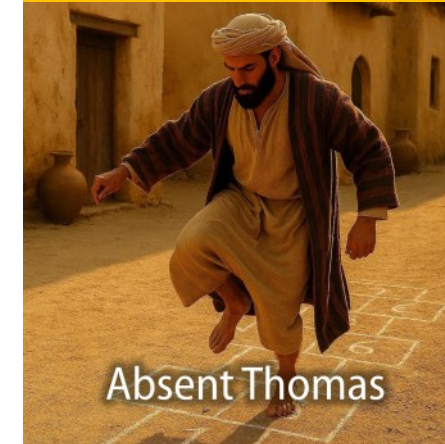
World Health Day aims to raise awareness about global health issues and promote actions to improve health and well-being worldwide. However, due to substantial cuts to global health funding in 2025, many communities and individuals have lost access to essential health programs. PWS&D collaborates with partners to support health initiatives in difficult environments. In Haiti, for example, PWS&D, in partnership with the Center for Nutrition and Education for Women & Children, is supporting maternal and infant malnutrition treatment and women's mental health. For Choute Philomène, 34, the program is a welcome initiative. She was glad to receive maternal health support at her home, as she had planned to skip prenatal follow-up during her pregnancy.



St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church

April 12, 2026

Knox Preston Heritage Sunday



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Order of Worship. We will meet in person at 10 am. Or join us on Zoom or Facebook Live. The Zoom link will be posted on the website.

Prelude: Gavotte by Handel

Welcome

Call to worship

L: All things of God, all the heavens,

P: Worship and praise your Maker.

L: Sun, moon and stars; wind, rain and thunder,

P: Worship and praise your Maker.

L: Mountains and forests, streams and waterfalls,

P: Worship and praise your Maker.

L: Creatures beneath the seas, birds throughout the skies, all that leaps or crawls, all who walk or worry or wonder,

P: Let us worship and praise our Maker together.

Hymn #247 Christ the Lord is risen today

1. Christ the Lord is risen today, all creation join to say.
Raise your joys and triumphs high; sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply.
Love's redeeming work is done, fought the fight, the battle won:
lo! Our sun's eclipse is o'er; lo! He sets in blood no more.

2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ hath burst the gates of
hell.

Death in vain forbids him rise; Christ hath opened paradise.
Lives again our glorious King: where, O death, is now thy sting?
Once he died our souls to save; where thy victory, O grave?

3. Soar we now where Christ hath led, following our exalted Head;
made like him, like him we rise; ours the cross, the grave, the skies.
Hail! The Lord of earth and heaven! Praise to thee by both be given;
every knee to thee shall bow, risen Christ triumphant now.

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Opening Prayer

L: Glory to you, O God our Maker, we come giving thanks for the
wonder in your creation, the great theatre of your glory. Glory to
you, O Christ we come praising you, for you overcame death and
opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Glory to you, O Holy Spirit,
we come praising you for your guidance, wisdom and inspiration.
Glory to you, Holy Trinity, source of all truth, love, hope and joy, now
and always. **Amen.**

Laying Down Our Burdens

Responsive Psalm 16

L: Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

**P: I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from
you."**

L: As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble ones in whom is
all my delight.

**P: Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink
offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my
lips.**

L: The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

**P: The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a
goodly heritage.**

L: I bless the LORD, who gives me counsel;

P: in the night also my heart instructs me.

L: I keep the LORD always before me;

**P: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my
heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.**

L: For you do not give me up to Sheol or let your faithful one see the
Pit.

**P: You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of
joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

Gospel: John 20:19-31, Read by Donald Paddock

Hymn #250 I danced in. the morning / Lord of the dance

1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth;
at Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Refrain: Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

2. I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
they came with me and the dance went on. *Refrain*

3. I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame:
the holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
and they left me there on a cross to die. *Refrain*

4. I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body, and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance, and I still go on. *Refrain*

5. They cut me down and I leap up high;
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. *Refrain*

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Family Time

Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory: Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness by Paul Bouman

Sermon: Absent Thomas

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer
(... forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors...)

Hymn #258 Thine be the glory

1. Thine be the glory, risen, conquering son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes, where thy body lay.

*Refrain: Thine be the glory, risen, conquering son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

2. Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. *Refrain*

3. No more we doubt thee, glorious prince of life;
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. *Refrain*

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Benediction

Choral Response #780 (Three-fold Amen)

Postlude: Behold, the Wonderful Day is Here! by JS Bach

Please plan to join us on **Sunday, April 26** as
we celebrate **Mission Awareness Sunday**.
During this time together we will highlight 3
of our local outreach programs and some of
our past work in Malawi.

After worship we will have coffee/tea in the
Fellowship Hall as we have a chance to
purchase some yummy baked goods and
some hand carved artifacts from Bill &
Margret Hunter's Malawi collection. Proceeds
from this sale will be directed to work in
Malawi. But we will need your help. If you are
able would you please bring a packaged baked good, to be sold. Please
no peanuts or peanut products. All purchases will be on a donation
basis.



Next Week's Sermon:

