

Knox Presbyterian Church
The Sacrament of Holy Communion
Maundy Thursday - April 17, 2025

Greetings

Call to Worship (on screen)

Music: An upper room did our Lord prepare #224 (all verses)

Welcome

Prayer of Confession Rev. Dr. Michael Brooks
Assurance of Pardon

Gospel Reading: John 13:1-17, 31-35 Dawn Flood

Music: Let all mortal flesh keep silent #542 (all verses)

Dedication of our Tithes and Offerings
Song of Thanks – Abide with me #794 (verse 1)
Prayer of Dedication

Reflection: Setting an Example Rev. Emma Duncan

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Music: Twas on that night #537 (verses 1-4)

Invitation

Apostles' Creed

Prayer

Institution of the Sacrament

Sharing of the Body and Blood

Prayer

Music: Twas on that night #537 (verses 5-6)

Gospel Reading: John 13:36-38 Rev. Emma Duncan

Benediction

Please leave the Sanctuary in silence.

Our Shared History

2025 marks three significant milestones in the history of Presbyterianism in Canada, including:

1. 100-year anniversary of the formation of the United Church of Canada
2. 150-year anniversary of Presbyterianism in Canada
3. Knox's 180-year anniversary

We give thanks to God for the Christian witness of these communities in Burlington and beyond!

In 1830 in Scotland, the Rev. Thomas Chalmers, a Presbyterian minister, found himself with a dilemma that most 21st century ministers would welcome. So many people were coming to his Sunday worship services that the celebration of Holy Communion was becoming a time-consuming practice.

And Chalmers' solution? Make tables out of pews.

Chalmers had strips of linen or 'Housling Cloths' placed on each pew to represent the Communion Table. Members stayed in their pews to receive the bread and wine.

In 1927, under the leadership of the Rev. Robert Moorehead Legate, Knox began the tradition of having Housling Cloths on the pews during the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

This practice was officially stopped at Knox in 2019, but in honour of our 180th Anniversary, we are using them again as we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion with our brothers and sisters from Port Nelson United Church and Brant Hills Presbyterian Church.

And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love.

But the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:13