

KNOX RE-OPENING SERVICE, SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

We are excited to welcome you back to Knox in person on Sunday, September 27, 2020. We have worked diligently to prepare a safe and responsible plan to bring us back together to continue to worship God and live our mission to share God's love by living the Teachings of Jesus: showing mercy, promoting justice, offering forgiveness, acceptance, and hope.

We trust that every parishioner will make a prayerful decision regarding attending in person or continuing to attend by viewing online services based on their own personal circumstances and safety without any feelings of guilt or obligation to attend in person.

Please understand that our in-person service will look considerably different than you are used to; we are working to worship with the health and safety of our congregation as our top priority and in compliance with all current COVID-19 health restrictions and regulations.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- We will be limiting the number of people in the Sanctuary to 50 people for the first couple of weeks. This includes our Minister, our Musical Director and other service participants. Therefore, we are expecting that we will have roughly 45 seats available for each service.
- You will need to register ahead of time to attend the Sunday Service. To register, either call the office (902) 865-9216 or email: admin@knoxunited.ca
- If the Sunday you are registering for is already full, you will be asked if you would like to have seats at the next available Sunday.
- You will be asked how many people you are registering for. Note: at this time, only families will be seated together.
- **MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES WHILE IN THE KNOX BUILDING.**
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WHEN YOU ARRIVE:

- You may enter by either the main entrance from the parking lot facing Florence Street, or from the back entrance located by the office.
- You must have a mask on to attend Sunday service. If you forget yours, we will have masks available.
- When you enter the building, you will be met by a member of our welcoming team who will go through the below procedure with you:
- Take your temperature through a non-contact thermometer. If you are running a fever, you will be asked to come to another Sunday service.
- You will be asked a series of questions related to COVID-19 precautions:
 - Have you been outside of the Atlantic Bubble?
 - Have you experienced any of the COVID-19 symptoms?
 - Have you been in close proximity to anyone exhibiting COVID-10 symptoms?
 - What is your name and phone number (for contact tracing purposes)?
- If you answer yes to any of these questions, you will be asked to come another Sunday.
- You will be asked to sanitize your hands and if you did not bring a mask, one will be provided to you. **MASKS MUST BE WORN FOR THE ENTIRE SERVICE AND WHILE YOU ARE IN THE KNOX BUILDING.**
- You will be taken to an assigned seat by a member of our welcoming team. Once you are

seated, you are not permitted to move around the sanctuary. You will be seated so that you are 6 ft. away from the next person to you in the pew.

DURING THE SERVICE:

- MASKS MUST REMAIN IN PLACE DURING THE ENTIRE SERVICE AND WHILE YOU ARE IN THE KNOX BUILDING.
- There will be no hymnals, bibles, offering envelopes or any other information in the pews.
- NO SINGING IS PERMITTED DURING THE SERVICE. Humming along with the music is permitted.
- Congregants will be permitted to respond to prayers but are asked to do so in a low voice.
- Offering will not be collected during the service. There will be an offering plate located near the entrance to the sanctuary and you can place your offering in it while entering/exiting the sanctuary. Congregants are encouraged to use e-transfer or Pre-Approved Remittance (PAR) instead of cash.
- Once the service is over, you must stay seated until a member of our welcoming team comes to escort you from your seat. You will be escorted to the exit and must leave the building immediately. When you are in the parking lot, social distancing practices must be maintained.