

December 3 2017

1st Sunday of Advent
God's Love in Action

Introduction: God's Love in Action – Prophets

Call to Worship: HWB #172 O come, O come Emmanuel

Lighting of the 1st Advent Candle – Bev Suderman

HWB #201 Hark the herald angels sing

Jake Friesen – trumpet; Rochelle Drudge – piano

Scripture: Isaiah 60: 1-7

Offering/Offertory: HWB 318 Joy to the world

Children's Feature: Children stay in the sanctuary

Song: HWB 191 O little town of Bethlehem

Child Dedication

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 60: 19-22

Message: HOPE

Response

Announcements

Prayer

Sending Song: Go tell it on the mountain Insert

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Greeter/Usher – Ed Rempel

Visuals – Roxana Enns, Betty Enns, Rita Wiebe

Music – Pearl Braun-Dyck

Monthly Cleaning (December) – Doug and Pearl Braun-Dyck

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This Sunday

- ❖ **9:45 a.m.: Covenant Middle Years Children's Connection:** Classes continue.
- ❖ **The Pre-school Class and Primary Classes:** Class is held during the service.
- ❖ **9:45a.m.: Covenant Youth Connection:** Class as usual.
- ❖ **9:45 a.m.: Covenant Adult Connection:** *Norman Braun* leading the class.
- ❖ **11:00 a.m.:** Sunday Worship: Speaker: Kelvin Dyck

The Covenant Calendar

December 3, 7pm: Taize service @ Covenant 7:00pm.. First Sunday of Advent.

December 10: Second Sunday of Advent

December 17: Third Sunday of Advent

December 24: Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 10:30pm: Christmas Eve Vigil and Communion.

Here at Covenant

A Taize service with the Morden Mennonite Church for December 3, the 1st Sunday of Advent. The service will **begin at 7:pm** and will take place here at Covenant. Invite your friends and neighbours to join in a special time of prayer, singing, Scripture, silence and candle-light.

In our Community

December 1-3: *From Everywhere to Bethlehem:* A live, interactive Nativity presented in the Winkler Park by the Winkler EMM Church and the Bethel Church. Bring your family & see the Christmas account presented as an outdoor drama. After that, warm up with a cup of hot chocolate and a cookie. Baking and crafts may be purchased in the tent to help support MCC Christmas Giving. Located at the Winkler Park. Admission: One non-perishable food item. Check listing for times.

Salem Home Advent Service, Dec. 7, 6:45 p.m., in the Salem Home Chapel. Everyone welcome to join the residents and staff for this special service and stay for refreshments.

Third Annual "Merry Little Christmas Show", Dec. 8, 7:30 p.m., P.W. Enns Concert Hall. All proceeds will be donated to Central Station in Winkler.

Southern Manitoba Choral Society concert, Saturday, Dec. 9, 7:00 p.m., at Winkler Emmanuel Church. Come & listen to a delightful mix of seasonal music sung by a multigenerational choir. A freewill offering will be received.

MC Manitoba

Faith and Life Choir Christmas Concerts, "The Glory of the Lord", on Saturday, December 16, 2017, 7 p.m. at Springfield Heights Mennonite Church, Winnipeg, and Sunday, December 17, 2017, 3 p.m. at Altona Berghaler Mennonite Church, Altona.

MC Canada

Pray for Jason Martin, new Director of International Witness, as he supports Witness workers and congregational partners through the restructuring process. Pray for understanding of the implications of these changes, wisdom in strategic planning for the future and a deep sense of God's leading and care.

MCC Manitoba

SALT - If you're interested in a year long cross-cultural internship or work experience in a faith-based context, consider applying for SALT 2017-18! We're looking for communicators, educators, French or Spanish speakers, development grads, peacebuilders, nurses, IT experts, social workers, and more. Young adults ages 18-30, apply today at <http://mccmb.ca/salt>.

CMU

CommonWord Bookstore and Resource Centre presents an evening with Marcus Peter Rempel, farmer, author and speaker, Thursday Dec 7, 7:00 PM at CMU's Marpeck Commons. Marcus will be launching his new book *Life at the End of Us vs Them*. Evening will also include music by Cara Luft, door prizes, and a special discount on the book. For more information go to www.commonword.ca/go/1410.

Mennonite Heritage Gallery

Exhibitions: Carolyn Mount and Tracy Fehr, Fri. Nov. 24, 7:30, MHC Gallery, 600 Shaftesbury Blvd., CMU south campus. Nov. 24 – Jan. 20.

Along the Road to Freedom: Mennonite women of courage and faith BOOK now available. www.commonword.ca or Connie Wiebe 204 487 3300, ext 344 or cwiebe@cmu.ca

AMBS News

One-course options with AMBS. Try out a seminary course through Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary without being admitted to a degree or certificate program. You can take up to two courses, and your first class — campus, online or hybrid — is 50 percent off. Check out our course list for Semester Two (Jan. 9 – May 4). www.ambs.edu/academics/one-course-options. Sample courses include Church and Race; Christian Formation in the Congregation; Anabaptist History and Theology; Strategic Peace-building; and Spiritual Practices: Intentional Living in an Age of Diversions.

Invitation to Prayer

Pray for our friends in care: Bill and Marlene at Salem.

Pray for Maris as she grows up in years, in wisdom, and in God's love.

Pray for CMU students as they write exams to complete their Fall Semester courses.

Please pray for the MDS operations team as they continue planning for new projects in Florida and Texas and their continued evaluation of Puerto Rico.

Pray for the many in our broken world who are suffering from famine, war, and earthquakes and other disasters.

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Prayer: Hound us, Lord, with affection and conviction until we renounce all lesser things to follow you. Help us to see that in giving up the fool's gold of the world, we open ourselves to heavenly treasure that lasts forever.. Amen.

Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals

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Go Tell It On the Mountain

Go tell it on the mountain.
Over the hills and everywhere
Go tell it on the mountain
Our Jesus Christ is born

When I was a seeker
I sought both night and day
I asked the Lord to help me
And he showed me the way

Go tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
Go tell it on the mountain
Our Jesus Christ is born

He made me a watchman
Upon a city wall
And if I am a Christian
I am the least of all

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Dedication Service for Maris Loewen

Explanation of Child Dedication

Bible Reading: Mark 10:13-16

Prayer

Questions for Parents:

Leader: Amanda and Peter, God has entrusted Maris to you. Do you commit yourselves as parents to instruct her in the way of truth? Will you seek to provide a loving and caring home for Maris, where trust in God grows and where Christ's way is chosen?

Parents: We do, with God's help.

Congregation Stand:

Congregation:

In the presence of God, the Author and Giver of life, we, the Body of Christ in this place, pray for you, Peter and Amanda, in the great and joyful responsibility God has entrusted to you.

As individuals,

We pray that as you grow in Christ you may bear the fruit of wisdom and godliness day by day.

As the church,

We promise to fulfill our responsibility to you, Maris, in teaching, serving, and loving you, that from your earliest days of memory, you may see the face of Jesus mirrored in us.

We pray this in the name of Jesus, who became a child that we might become children of God.

Dedication:

Maris, the God who created you, who sent his Son to redeem you, and his Spirit to dwell in you, may this God watch over you, enabling you to seek, to find, and to know him.

Maris, may God bless you and keep you; May the very face of God shine upon you, and be gracious to you. May God's presence embrace you and give you peace. Amen.