

January 7 2018
Second Sunday after Christmas
God's Love in Action

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship H661

Gathering songs: All creatures of our God and King H 48 - verses 1-4
Jesus, we are here SJ 6

Prayer

Scripture: Psalm 67

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all the nations learn your saving help.

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.**

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth.

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.**

The earth has yielded its fruit
for God, our God, has blessed us.
May God still give us blessing
till the ends of the earth stand in awe.

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.**

Prayer of Confession H 699

Assurance

Songs: He's got the whole world in his hands
Alabare SJ 4

Children's feature

Offertory

Scripture: Mark 1:4-11

Message

Sharing and prayers

Sending Songs: Lord Jesus, you shall be my song SJ14 verses 1&2
The Lord lift you up SJ 73

*We invite everyone to our **Potluck Lunch** immediately after this morning's service.

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Greeters/Ushers– Larry and Myra Danielson **Music** – Pearl Braun-Dyck
Service leader: Elaine Dyck **Speaker:** Kelvin Dyck
Visuals – Roxana Enns, Betty Enns, Rita Wiebe
Monthly Cleaning : (January) – Kevin and Rochelle Drudge
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This Sunday

- ❖ **9:45 a.m.: Covenant Middle Years Children's Connection:** Classes begin this Sunday.
- ❖ **The Pre-school Class and Primary Classes:** Classes begin this Sunday.
- ❖ **9:45a.m: Covenant Youth Connection:** Classes begin this Sunday.
- ❖ **9:45 a.m.: Covenant Adult Connection:** Classes begin this Sunday.
- ❖ **11:00 a.m.:** Sunday Worship: Worship leader: Elaine Dyck. Speaker: Kelvin Dyck.

The Covenant Calendar

January 7: Written report to be handed in to the Congregational Chair in preparation for Annual Meeting.

January 14: Communion Sunday

January 18, 7pm: Planning and Steering @ Covenant

February 9,11: Covenant Annual Meeting

March 2: All-day MCM Annual Delegate Gathering @ TBA

Here at Covenant

The next Adult Covenant Connection series begins this Sunday, January 7. We will be doing a Bible study on the theme: Faith in Action - a nice parallel to the series we have been following in our worship services. We will focus on texts from Acts, Ephesians, Daniel, James and I Timothy. The text for the first lesson is Acts 3. All are welcome!
Garry Bueckert

In our Community

Dr Gordon Neufeld, author of "Hold On to Your Kids: Why Parents Need to Matter More Than Peers," is coming to Morden on Saturday, Feb 10, 2018 to deliver a new full-day workshop called "Keeping Children Safe in a Wounding World." For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit www.edenhealthcare.ca or call 1-866-493-6202.

Mennonite Disaster Service would like to invite to their All-Unit Meeting in Winkler, MB on Feb 9-10. This event is a time of sharing and celebration of the work of MDS the past year. For more information or to register please visit our website, mds.mennonite.net/all-unit-meeting/ or call us at 1-866-261-1274.

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 2018-19! 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>

MC Manitoba

NAIITS is an Indigenous Learning Community that hosts annual theological gatherings intended for young and older, pastors and activists. Mennonite Church Canada's Indigenous-Settler Relations would like to help sponsor a group of women and men from across our nationwide church to attend this year's symposium on "White Supremacy and Indigeneity," June 7-9, 2018 @ Acadia Divinity College (Nova Scotia). *Sponsorships will help cover the cost of registration and food.* If you are interested, please email Steve Heinrichs for details (sheinrichs@mennonitechurch.ca).

CMU

The public is invited to 'Science as a Way of Knowing: the Pursuit of Truth in a Post-Truth World' with Dr. Rick Lindroth on Tuesday, Jan. 30, 7:00-8:30 PM in Marpeck Commons (2299 Grant Ave.). Dr. Lindroth, Professor of Ecology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, is the 2018 CMU Scientist in Residence. For more information, including other addresses by Dr. Lindroth, see cmu.ca/sir.

Attend the opening of **Reconciliation Through the Arts**, an exhibition featuring art from First Nations and Settler communities, at 7:30 PM on Friday, Jan. 26 at the MHC Gallery, 610 Shaftesbury Blvd.

Invitation to Prayer

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

Pray for Bev in hospital.

Pray for John, recuperating at home.

Pray for our Conference. Pray for our leaders and pastors as they discern the times and faithfully teach and guide us in our journey with Jesus.

Pray for our nation in the new year. Pray that we might become a nation of people that act justly, lives wisely, and gives generously.

Pray for our broken world. Pray for those who are suffering from famine, war, and earthquakes and other disasters. Pray for the bereaved, the sick and the lonely, and the fearful in heart.

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Prayer: Lord, it is hard to live by your patience. Your timing is not our timing, and your ways are not our ways. Keep us from trying to rush peace, and prepare us for the peace that comes only by sacrifice and discipline. Amen.

Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals

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