

# Home Street Mennonite Church

## December 17, 2017, Welcome to Worship

### Let it be Whole

**Focus Statement:** In the birth of Jesus, we catch God's vision of shalom. Like the shepherds and wise ones, we travel to see the child whom God has sent to bring healing and wholeness.

### Gathering

Prelude  
Wonder & Wisdom  
Adult Choir *The Angel Gabriel*  
Call to Worship  
Prayer

### Praising

Adult and Sunday School Choirs *As lately they watched*  
Candle-lighting  
Hymn: *Come, light of the world* STS 3  
Sunday School Choir *Calypto Carol*  
*Soloists - Teia H. S. & Cebastian H.S.*

### Proclaiming

The Christmas Story see insert  
*Sunday School children and youth*

### Responding

Offering  
Announcements and Sharing  
Prayers of the people (including the Lord's Prayer)

### Sending

Hymn *Helpless and Hungry* STS 26  
*What Child is This* HWB 215

Benediction

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### Worship Participants

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**Worship Leader:** Angela B.P.  
**Choir Director/Song Leader:** Meara S.  
**Pianists:** Aaron L. & Maureen E.  
**Flautist:** Ruth T.  
**Offertory:** Caleb F.E. & Wayne G.  
**Sound:** Grant K.  
**Greeters:** Kathy R.  
**Ushers:** Michelle M. & Peter F.  
**Visuals:** Viola K. & Janet P.  
**Drama:** Ken N. and Pearl T.N.

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### Prayer concerns:

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Pray for those for whom this season carries grief, pain or struggle. May they experience the peace and comfort of God in these days.

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### Inside our Doors

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- Advent Giving Project:** On December 17 and 24 we are inviting donations to the Wider Church Ministries portion of our congregation's budget. This includes Westgate Mennonite Collegiate and Mennonite Church Manitoba. Both of these institutions contribute in many ways to our congregation's faith, mission and witness. Please give generously.
- Many thanks to Angela K. & Pearl T.N.** for directing the Sunday School program and for taking on all the hard work and organizing. Thanks also to all those who helped and participated with the play and the music.
- Home Plate** is a place where 25 families (mostly neighbors) come to pick up their hamper of food every other week on Wednesday afternoon. Some help sort food, and many linger over coffee and share stories and advice. On Wednesday, Dec. 20, the SDA church is donating a box of oranges for each family and we would like to add a plate of Christmas cookies/squares to each hamper. Please contact Susan Reynar if you are able to contribute a couple dozen cookies/squares.  

- Longest Night service 6:30 pm Friday December 22 at the church.** Recognizing that the holiday season can be difficult for some, pastors Judith Friesen Epp and Melissa Miller offer this brief gathering to acknowledge the struggles and challenges in these days.
- Nora and Matt** will be married during our 11:00 am worship service on December 31 here at Home Street. Communion will be served. Following the service, everyone is invited to a potluck downstairs. If your last name starts with **A-H** please bring a salad, **J-Z** please bring a main dish.

**6. Refugee Sponsorship Update**

In the new year, we will be welcoming two small refugee families from Myanmar (Burma) to Winnipeg. A group from Home Street is partnering with a group at City Church to sponsor these two families. The families should be arriving before the end of February. One has a two-year-old girl and the other a six-year-old boy.

In the new year, we will be soliciting donations of furniture, household goods, children's items and other things. Please stay tuned.

Thank-you to the many people who have already pledged or donated funds for this undertaking, as well as those who have offered their time! If you would like to help in some way, please contact Esther E.T.

**7. Save the Date: Saturday, January 27, 2018** the church's Annual general meeting will be held. **Committee chairs** please note that your Reports will need to be in to the office by Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Thanks!

**8. Finance Update:**

Total donations to date December 10, 2017 \$223,044  
 Total budget for 2017 \$262,194

Please keep in mind our church budget as you plan your year end donations. ~Thank you for your generous giving.

**9. Home Street Mennonite Church Phone Directory 2018:** It's time to make our annual phone directory. If you are newer to Home St. and would like to be included or if you have any changes to be made to your phone, address, or email, please email Cindy, call the office, or fill out a form found on the back table in the sanctuary and drop it in the box or in mailbox #107 by **Dec. 17**. Office phone # 204-783-1721, Email: [administrator@hsmc.ca](mailto:administrator@hsmc.ca). Also if you are not receiving our weekly email and would like to be on the list please let Cindy know. Thanks.



**Christmas at Home Street**

December 17	11:00am	S.S. Christmas program & Choir
December 22	6:30pm	Longest Night of the Year gathering
December 24	11:00 am	4 <sup>th</sup> Advent Worship Service
December 24	6:30 pm	Christmas Eve Candle Light Service
December 31	11:00 am	Worship Service
January 7	11:00 am	Epiphany Service

**10. REJOICE! Devotionals:** It is time to renew yearly subscriptions for Rejoice, please make cheques payable to Home St, and put in the memo *Rejoice*. The price is \$37.44 for the year (4 devotionals). Please contact Cindy at the office if you wish to be on our subscription list or to confirm you want to stay on, [administrator@hsmc.ca](mailto:administrator@hsmc.ca), 204-783-1721. Please respond before Dec.17, 2017.

***This Week at Home Street***

Dec. 17	9:00 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Program Rehearsal Worship Service & Sunday School Program
18	6:30 pm	Sonolux rehearsal (sanctuary)
18	7:00 pm	CODA (downstairs)
20	2:30 pm	Home Plate (downstairs)
21	8-9:30 pm	SA 12 Step Group (downstairs)
22	7:15-8:15 am	Men's Prayer Group (prayer room)
22	5:30-9:00 pm	SDA (downstairs)
22	6:30 pm	Longest Night of the year service (Sanctuary)
23	9:00 am-4:30 pm	SDA (sanctuary & downstairs)
24	11:00 am	Worship Service
24	6:30 pm	Christmas Eve Candle Light Service



**Mennonite Disaster Service Plan to attend the MDS All-Unit Meeting 2018**

Please join us for the annual MDS All-Unit Meeting in Winkler, Manitoba from February 9-10, 2018!

The All-Unit meeting is a time of worship, singing, inspiration, storytelling, fellowship, learning about MDS, experiencing the local culture through tours, meeting old friends and making new ones. The meeting will take place in the beautiful Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church.

Please see the website for updates and opportunities, <https://www.mds.mennonite.net/>

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## ***Beyond Our Doors***

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**Mennonite Collegiate Institute** invites you to attend the Christmas Concert, Thursday December 21 @ 7:30 in Buhler Hall, Gretna.

Recovery of Hope Counselling, together with the Neufeld Institute – Manitoba Chapter, is proud to announce that **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.”** Parents, educators, youth workers and caregivers will be interested to learn from Dr Neufeld, one of Canada’s leading developmental psychologists, as he uncovers the keys to helping children thrive while living in a wounding world. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit [www.edenhealthcare.ca](http://www.edenhealthcare.ca) or call [1-866-493-6202](tel:1-866-493-6202).

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## ***Mennonite Central Committee News...Notes***

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**MCC Manitoba welcomes applications for Associate Editor-Die Mennonitische Post.** The associate editor is responsible to assist with all aspects of the production of the bi-weekly newspaper, the Mennonitische Post, under the direction and supervision of the managing editor. Applications are accepted until December 20. For more information and to apply, please visit [mcccanada.ca/get-involved/serve/openings/associate-editor-die-mennonitische-post](http://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/serve/openings/associate-editor-die-mennonitische-post).

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## ***Canadian Mennonite University News...Notes...***

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**Come to CMU Christmas Vespers on Sunday, December 17 at 7:00 PM in the Laudamus Auditorium.** Leona Hildebrand will lead the choir and Cheryl Pauls will be the reader. A reception will follow. See [cmu.ca/vespers](http://cmu.ca/vespers).

**Consider enrolling in a winter semester CMU evening course** for credit or audit. Seniors and alumni audit fees available. Go to [cmu.ca/timetable](http://cmu.ca/timetable) for details.

**Thinking about a unique option for after high school? Outatown** is a unique, one or two-semester certificate program of CMU. It’s an incredible year for recent high school grads looking to travel, serve others, learn more about God and the world, make lifelong friends, and experience ‘once-in-a-lifetime’ adventure. Limited space is available so apply today! For more info: [Outatown.com](http://Outatown.com).

**Give the gift of the arts** this Holiday season. CMU’s Community School of Music & the Arts still has a few openings for Individual lessons in various instruments. Or register now for classes starting in January including: Art for Kids, Adult Drawing and Painting, Teen Painting, and Music for Littler Kids. Visit [cmu.ca/csma](http://cmu.ca/csma) or call [204.837.4870](tel:204.837.4870) for more information.

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## ***Mennonite Church Manitoba News...Notes...***

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**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 Berghthaler Mennonite Church, Altona.

**Purchase gift certificates towards the payment of 2018 summer camp.** A great way to encourage children (grandchildren?) to attend Camps with Meaning! Please contact the camp office for more information. Call [204-895-2267](tel:204-895-2267), email [camps@mennochurch.mb.ca](mailto:camps@mennochurch.mb.ca)

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## ***Mennonite Church Canada Indigenous-Settler Relations***

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### **Update on Bill C-262**

Fantastic news! Bill C-262, the Indigenous Human Rights Bill, was endorsed by the ruling Liberal party at second reading on December 5, 2017. One more hour of debate will take place in mid-February, then a vote likely in March. The Bill will then be sent to committee for study, come back for a 3rd Reading, and finally, be brought to the Senate for Royal Assent. You can watch the debate here—<https://goo.gl/jkzqhi>. MP Romeo Saganash expresses his sincere gratitude to our Mennonite community for all the work we’ve done to get things this far. We’re encouraged to keep sending the free Walk the Talk postcards ([www.commonword.ca/go/1283](http://www.commonword.ca/go/1283)) to all MPs, encouraging them to stand up for justice and reconciliation

### **CommonWord Bookstore and Resource Centre**

In preparation for Advent and Christmas, has your congregation written an original script, educational resource, or worship service they’d be willing to share? CommonWord is always looking for creative and alternative digital items to pass along to other congregations. For more information, see [www.commonword.ca/go/1427](http://www.commonword.ca/go/1427).

Encourage winter reading! CommonWord can send you 12 different books on loan for a 6-week period – at no cost. This Cheaper by the Dozen program is a great way to augment your congregational library, inspire a church committee, or profile a worship or educational theme. For more information, see [www.commonword.ca/go/1428](http://www.commonword.ca/go/1428).

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