

## Home Street Mennonite Church

December 31, 2017, Welcome to Worship

and to the wedding of Nora Pederson and Matt Schellenberg

**Focus Statement:** Jesus comes to dwell with us as God's love incarnate. We are invited to dwell deeply and richly within that love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. Let it be!

### Gathering in Praise

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

May the Love that was born and lived among us  
**dwell deeply in our hearts today.**

May the Love that drew the shepherds to the baby  
**draw us to worship Christ today.**

May the Love that shone and guided the wise ones  
**lead and direct us toward Christ today.**

May the Love which offered peace and goodwill to all,  
**bind us together in Christ today.**

Let this be with us according to your word.  
**Let it be.**

Prayer

Hymn *Be thou my vision* HWB 545

Prayers of the People (including the Lord's Prayer) HWB 731

Offering

### Proclaiming

Children's Story

Scripture Reading: Psalm 84; Colossians 3:12-17

Message *"I Can Relate"*

Hymn *Will you let me be your servant* HWB 307

### Covenanting

Covenant Ceremony

Hymn *Where charity and love prevail* HWB 305

### Partaking

Prayer of Confession

Communion

Hymns *Here is the bread* STS 77

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence* HWB 463

Solo *Now the silence*

### Sending

Hymn *Love came down at Christmas* HWB 208

Benediction

Postlude

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### Worship Participants

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*Worship Leader: Judith F.E.*

*Speaker and Officiant: Ron S.*

*Song leader: Pearl T.N.*

*Pianist: Lilli W.*

*Musicians: Sue S., Zac S., Brita P.*

*Scripture Readers: Gaylene & Grant P.*

*Children's Story: Dan and Esther E.T.*

*Sound Technician: Grant K.*

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### Prayer concerns:

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Pray for Nora Pederson and Matt Schellenberg as they covenant together in marriage. May God bless their lives together!

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## *Inside our Doors*

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1. **Young Adults:** Meet at the church on Tuesday, January 2 at 7:00 pm for "The Gingerbread House Build-off: Setting Trends in 2018 Architecture." Matt's brewing up bubble tea to sip with the gingerbread cuttings. Please bring one candy decoration to contribute to the construction materials.
2. **Junior and Senior Youth:** Friday, January 12, 7:00 – 9:30 pm, is Quiz Night at Charleswood Mennonite Church. Mark your calendars!
3. **Office hours for this week:** Jan 2-4 the office will be open 9am -12pm.
4. **Sunday school for children, youth & adults resumes on January 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am**
5. **January 7.** In recognition that the church is located on Treaty 1 territory, and to symbolize our desire as a church to be people of reconciliation in word and deed, we will dedicate two pieces of Indigenous art during the worship service. This art, with accompanying plaque, will have an ongoing installation in the church building. It has been brought to the church through the Indigenous Settler Relations Group. For more information, contact pastors Melissa Miller or Judith Friesen-Epp.
6. **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!
7. **Finance Update:**  
Total donations to date December 24, 2017   \$246,711  
Total budget for 2017                               \$262,194  
~Thank you for your generous giving.

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## *This Week at Home Street*

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Dec.31	11:00 am	Worship Service& Wedding
	12:00 pm	Potluck
Jan 1	7:00 pm	CODA (downstairs)
3	2:30 pm	Home Plate (downstairs)
4	8-9:30 pm	SA 12 Step Group (downstairs)
5	7:15-8:15 am	Men's Prayer Group (prayer room)
5	5:30-9:00 pm	SDA (downstairs)
6	9:00 am-2:30 pm	SDA (sanctuary & downstairs)
7	9:30 am	Sunday School for children, youth & adults
	11:00 am	Worship Service

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## *Beyond Our Doors*

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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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**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>.

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