



Home Street Mennonite Church
November 24, 2019
Welcome to Worship

Focus Statement:

The grief that is felt when a loved one dies is something we all go through sooner or later. It is an experience that ties all of humanity together. But how we live with that grief and then heal is something we all need to figure out on our own. May we draw inspiration from the Psalmist who continued a life of devotion and praise, even in the midst of grief.

Gathering

Welcome & announcements

Call to worship

Prayer

Song *As the hart with eager yearning* Blue 500

Remembering

Litany: In our remembering

Eternal God,

Today, within the embrace of your love, we remember
those who lived and labored and loved among us.

Here, in the land of the dying,
we remember those who have crossed to the land of the living.

Hold us in our remembering.

We remember the quiet beauty of ordinary moments
the joy of extraordinary events
the pleasures and delights we shared
the pain and the brokenness we walked together.

Comfort us in our remembering.

May your Spirit move gently within us
our companion in the emptiness
our healer in the sorrow
our song in the night.

Heal us in our remembering.

And as we remember, may hope persist,
seeping into dry spaces
rooting in the barren ground
bringing forth the shoots of growth and new life.

Transform us in our remembering, O God.

Candle lighting

Song: *Nothing is lost on the breath of God* Purple 121

Hearing:

Scripture: Psalm 42; Romans 8:31-39

This is God's word to the people.

Thanks be to God.

Children's feature

(Children under age 5 may go downstairs, childcare will be provided.)

Song *Wehrlos und verlassen sehnt sich* Green 93

Message

Responding

Song: *Psalm 42* (Inside back cover)

Offering

Prayers of the people

The Lord's prayer HWB 731

Sending

Song *The Lord lift you up* Green 73

Benediction

Worship Participants:

Worship Leader: Judith F.E.

Speaker: Phil C.E.

Song Leader: Meara S.

Scripture Reader: Carol D.

Children's Story: Judith R.S.

Visuals: Michelle M. & Peter F.

Greeters: Nick & Marge U.

Pianist: Gina L.

Offertory: Meara S.

Sound: Grant K.

Ushers: Randy & Janet P.

Psalm 42

As the deer who longs for water
So my soul longs after You
God refresh my desperate thirst
Thirst for something true

These things will I still remember
As they pour forth from my soul
How we gladly shouted our praise
Praise to You alone

Why, O God, have You forgotten
Left me downcast in my grief
Pick me up and help me to heal
Heal and be set free

Yet I find my hope in knowing
And my praise shall always rise
You, my help, my comfort and strength
Strength You still provide

Inside Our Doors

1. **Today, Young Adults are welcome to** stay for lunch and fellowship after the worship service.
2. **Communion: On December 1, the first Sunday of Advent,** we will celebrate communion as we prepare ourselves for the birth of Christ.
3. **Advent Choir:** All interested singers are welcome to sing in the Advent choir. We will be singing in the worship service on December 8th. Second Advent and December 22nd. Fourth advent. Practices will begin on Sunday November 24th during the Adult Sunday School time (9:30-10:30am)
4. **The Home Street Climate Action Group** has started a project called the **Goods and Services Exchange**.
We are inviting community members to share their items, skills and things to give away so that we can cut down on our consumerism and share what we already have.
Interested? Fill out an agreement form (at the back of the sanctuary), email exchange@hsmc.ca (note this is a different address than was announced at the congregational meeting), or talk to Sarah Janzen or Marika Veith.
5. **The Home Street Climate Action Group would like you to know that the next Global Climate Strike is Friday, November 29th (Black Friday).** The focus is on how the fashion industry and consumerism contribute to the ecological crisis. The Winnipeg action will take place at Polo Park at 11:45am on Friday in front of Sportcheck. A round dance - led by Idle No More - will follow at 12:30pm. A clothing swap will take place at Riddel Hall at the University of Winnipeg directly after the round dance. (A group will be bussing there together from Polo Park and bus tickets will be available for those who need). All are welcome! Stay tuned for more details via the Home Street mailing list and facebook page!
6. **Home Street Christmas Party: Saturday, December 7, 2:30 - 5:00 pm.** Come enjoy a relaxed afternoon of visiting and Christmas activities for all ages: games, crafts, cookie decorating, colouring, a treasure hunt, toys and play dough for the young at heart. A light fasha meal (buns, cheese, meat, dessert) will be served. At the event, we will welcome donations to help cover costs.
7. **Old REJOICE devotionals:** if you have old copies you no longer need, I'd appreciate them. Please put them in my mailbox (#174). Thanks! Lilli Williams

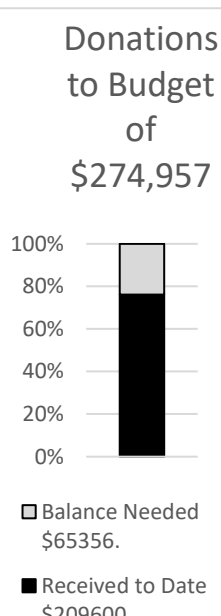
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8. **Home Plate** will be celebrating Christmas with participant families on Wednesday, December 18 between 3 and 5 pm. We will be serving Christmas goodies when our participants come to pick up their baskets. For each of the 33 families or individuals, we plan to send home a frozen whole chicken, a plate of home-baked Christmas cookies and a practical gift of some kind. We welcome your help with baking goodies to serve, cookies to send home, or making or donating any practical item (gently used is OK) that would be a good gift. You are also welcome to come and volunteer on Dec. 18. Please contact Meg Gray or Susan Reynar.

9. **We thank you now and you can thank us in April:** If you've already made more than \$200 in charitable donations in 2019, almost half of every dollar you give before the end of the year will come back to you in April with your income tax refund. Your donations help our church carry out our ministry, as well as reducing the amount of income tax you pay. Home Street Mennonite Church will issue tax receipts for 2019 donations in February 2020.

Giving last week: \$3,402
Total giving for budget: \$209,600
Amount still needed for 2019 budget: \$ 65,357



This Week at Home Street

Nov.	24	9:30 am	Sunday School for children & youth
	24	11:00 am	Worship Service
	25	6:30 pm	Sonolux choir (sanctuary)
	25	7:00-9:00 pm	CODA (downstairs)
	26	8:00-9:00 pm	Recovery Chapters (downstairs)
	28	8:00-9:30 pm	12 Step Group Meeting (downstairs)
Nov.	29	7:15-7:45 am	Men's Prayer Group Meeting
	29	6:00-9:00 pm	SDA (downstairs)
	30	9:00-2:30 pm	SDA Worship (sanctuary & downstairs)
	30	5:00-8:00 pm	SDA Youth Meeting (downstairs)

Christmas at Home Street



December 1	11:00 am	1st Advent, Communion
December 7	2:30 – 5:00pm	Christmas Party
December 8	11:00 am	2nd Advent, Choir sings
December 15	11:00am	3rd Advent, S.S. Christmas program
December 22	11:00 am	4th Advent , Choir Sings
December 24	6:30 pm	Lessons & Carols, Candlelight service

Mennonite Church Canada

Unsettling the Word now in paperback edition
We have just released a beautiful new paperback edition of Unsettling the Word. Great for group or individual study, pick up a copy here: www.commonword.ca/go/1505. Sara Stratton, Reconciliation and Indigenous Justice Animator for the United Church, says, "Unsettling the Word helps Christians take responsibility for the damage our sacred texts have done to Indigenous peoples and Creation. More importantly, it empowers us to read those texts – and act on them – in a profoundly different, restorative way."

Please note: Home St. Church is a scent-free facility. Please refrain from wearing strong scents, this can include perfume, after-shave lotion, and hand cream, for example. Thank you for your participation in reducing the problems caused by strong scents.

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Beyond our Doors

WSO Messiah, featuring CMU Festival Chorus, December 7th, 7:30 pm. If you plan to take in this event please use the promo code HOMESTREET online at wso.ca or at the box office at 204-949-3999. The promo gives you a 20% discount on tickets, with 20% of all ticket sales bought through the promo code, being donated back to our church.

The choir of First Mennonite Church, 922 Notre Dame Avenue, invites you to an Advent Concert on Sunday Dec. 1st at 7pm. We are presenting 4 settings of the Magnificat: 2 from Stanford, 1 from Mozart and 1 from Schubert as well as Mozart's Coronation Mass with orchestra and soloists all under the direction of Yuri Klaz. Admission is free: an offering will be taken.

CHAPLAIN POSITION: The Bethania Group is recruiting for a Chaplain for a .5 FTE (37.5 hours biweekly). For more information, please contact Ferdinand Funk, Director of Spiritual Care/Chaplain at 204-654-5053 or email: ferdinand.funk@bethania.ca. A detailed job advertisement is posted on the bulletin board.



**Mennonite
Disaster
Service**

Dear Friends,

Please visit the [Weekly Volunteer Calendar](#) for the remaining winter dates to serve during the months of January through March. Even as we schedule for the

winter months, we still have a great need in the upcoming weeks for volunteers to serve in [California](#) and [Texas](#). See the website for more information: <https://mds.mennonite.net/> or contact: – Kelsey Friesen at 866-261-1274, email kfriesen@mds.mennonite.net

Westgate Mennonite Collegiate

Westgate Mennonite Collegiate invites applications for a **part-time evening and occasional weekend custodial position**. Please see the Westgate website (www.westgatemennonite.ca) for more information.

As members of Westgate's community you are invited to join us at **Westgate Mennonite Collegiate's Annual General Meeting on Monday, November 25th, 7:00 pm at 86 West Gate.**

Canadian Mennonite University

Celebrate the beginning of the Advent season by attending **Christmas@CMU**. Concerts are at 2:00 and 7:00 pm on Saturday, Nov. 30 (the day prior to First Advent) and will feature CMU choral and other instrumental ensembles, storytelling and music making for kids, along with an audience Carol Sing. The day also features the CommonWord Book and Resource Centre's annual Christmas sale. Free admission. See cmu.ca/christmas for details.

The **CommonWord Bookstore and Resource Centre** celebrates the **Book Launch** of *Peaceful at Heart: Anabaptist Reflections on Healthy Masculinity*, a newly published book, co-edited by Don Neufeld. Harry Lafond and Dan Epp-Tiessen will also be reflecting on healthy masculinity from an Anabaptist perspective. Thursday, Nov. 28 at 7:00 PM in Marpeck Commons.

Students, submit your application for undergraduate studies or to Outtatown by Nov. 30 and have the **\$80 Application Fee waived**. Visit cmu.ca/apply.

Mennonite Central Committee Manitoba

You're invited to the Christmas Craft and Bake Sale

This weekend on Saturday, November 30 from 9-4 pm come for the crafts, quilts and baked goods at Plaza Drive and through your purchase help support MCC's international relief work around the world. Can't wait to see you there! Donated baked goods gratefully accepted. Please visit mccmb.ca/Christmas-Sale for more details or call Lydia at 204.355.4066.

The Great Winter Warm-up

Get involved with something big! Join us at North Kildonan MB Church, January 18, 2020 for the Great Winter Warm-up! MCC is turning 100 and we are celebrating by attempting to create 6,500 comforters across North America. Be a part of the celebration and register your bible study group, youth group or family and help us create comforters to deliver to people affected by conflict and disaster around the world. Visit mccmb.ca/GreatWinterWarmup

MCC Ottawa Office Student Seminar

Calling all university students! Join us February 20-22, 2020 for the MCC Ottawa Office Student Seminar. Explore active citizenship and peacebuilding advocacy, learn about MCC's work in Ottawa and hear from Parliamentarians alongside students from across Canada. Travel subsidies may be available. To register visit: <https://mccc.ca/stories/ottawa-office-student-seminar-february-20-22-2020>

Mennonite Church Manitoba

The Nordheim Mennonite Church is located in the community of *Winnipegosis*, on the southwest shore of Lake Winnipegosis. Despite the remoteness from our MCM family, we regularly worship together with the local churches and enjoy these times of gathering. Connecting with Indigenous communities around us helps us to explore our own sense of God's love and vision of loving God and our neighbour. We ask for your prayers as we seek to share God's love in our church and community.

Faith and Life Choirs Christmas Concert, "*O come, let us adore Him*". Under the direction of Janet Brennehan and Ben Pauls, the Faith and Life choirs invite you to join them for an evening or afternoon of festive singing. December 21, 2019 @ 7:00 pm at Bethel Mennonite Church (465 Stafford St, Wpg) and December 22, 2019 @ 3:00 pm at Altona Berghaler Mennonite Church (117 2nd St, Altona). Free will offering taken during the concerts. For more information, please contact Stephanie Wenger office@mennochurch.mb.ca. Posters to come soon!

Camp Assiniboia invites you to consider having a Christmas family gathering or a banquet in the beautifully decorated lodge. We have the following dates available: November 30, December 7, 14, 15, 22 or January 5. If you would like to reserve a day, please call Linda Dueck at 204-864-2159 ext.104.

This Christmas make "Peace on Earth" by sharing olive oil products from the land of Jesus' birth. Learn more and order your Peace Box from Zatoun, Fair Trade Olive Oil from Palestine at <https://zatoun.com/product/zatoun-peace-box/>.

Today, as we remember loved ones who have passed on, let us also remember people around the world who have died because of injustice and oppression. Since the largely nonviolent "Great March of Return" weekly protests in Gaza began in March 2018, over 200 Palestinian protesters have died at the hands of Israeli snipers—and thousands have been injured. Palestinians and Israelis have died in clashes over land confiscations, crop destruction, and border controls. Our Christian brothers and sisters in Gaza, the West Bank, East Jerusalem, and Israel urge us to pray with them for a just peace in which all have equal rights, freedom, and dignity. —from the Mennonite Church Manitoba working group on Palestine and Israel