

Home Street Mennonite Church
January 3, 2021
Welcome to Worship



Epiphany: On the road to radiance

Focus Statement:

Jesus, light of the world has come and illuminated our journey. We are radiant in the light of his love and grace.

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship (based on Isaiah 60:1-5)

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

For night covers the earth and shadows the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and glory will appear over you.

**Nations shall come to the light,
and kings to the brightness of the dawn.**

Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall delight and rejoice.

Prayer

Song *Bright and glorious is the sky* HWB 219

Hearing

Children's Story

Offertory

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

Message

Responding

Song *I want to walk as a child of the light* STJ 95

Prayer (Glenn Mitchell, adapted)

O Star-flinging God,
whose light dances across eternity,
shimmer within us
as we begin this new year.

Open our hearts to the radiance of your love.

Glinting in the ordinary,
blazing in the extraordinary,
Reveal to us what is possible, but not yet present.
Illuminate us with the mystery of your grace.

Reconcile us to you
that our lives may be transparent and true,
part of your unfolding peace in this world.

Heal us, that we might be healers.

May we pause often, O God,
attuned to good news
alert to steady hope
awake to transforming truth

Make us attentive and alive as we journey.

May the word of your grace illuminate our steps
like the sun by day
and the north star by night,

Guide us into the gift of this new year. Amen.

On Zoom:

Congregational Sharing
The Prayers of the People
 The Lord's Prayer
Benediction

Worship Participants:

Speaker: Terry L.
Worship Leader: Judith F.E.
Musicians: Matthew F., Aaron L.
Children's Storyteller: Karl Z.
Visuals: Michelle M., Peter F.
AV Technicians: Scott W., Andy W.
Prayers of the People on Zoom: Phil C.E.
Zoom Technician: Marnie K.

In Prayer

Remember those who live with ongoing physical and mental health challenges. May we surround them with our care and continued prayers.

Inside Our doors:

1. **Gifts of the Season:** A week ago, we still needed about \$7500 to reach our budget of \$284,272 for 2020. In the past week, about \$10,000 arrived to help us reach and even surpass our goal. Thank-you so much! Leadership Council expresses its profound gratitude to all of you for the many ways you have prayed for, supported, participated in, and donated to the ministry of our congregation.



HSMC Advent Giving Project 2020 – Clean Water for Chad

Thank you for your generosity! Together we raised \$ 2452.60 for this Mennonite Central Committee project in Chad.

2. Please mark your calendars for our **Annual Congregational Meeting on February 10, 2021, at 7:00 pm.**
3. **Children’s Library:** Looking for some family reading options over the Christmas holidays? The HSMC children’s library has 4 book bags available to borrow. Please contact Linda E. Home delivery option available.
4. **Church office hours:** We will be back to regular office hours starting January 5th, 2020, which are 9-3 Tuesday – Friday.
5. **Riverton Friendship Circle closure:** The legal part of the dissolution of RFC is complete.

Abundance Canada will disburse 2 gifts from the Riverton Fellowship Circle account each year: a bursary to an Indigenous student at CMU and also a gift to Camps with Meaning (in honour of all of our congregation’s many good years of volunteering at Native Camp Week over the years and all the area children who attended).

Please check out the short video that Darryl Neustaedter Barg made in Riverton of the property transfer with Barb Daniels handing the key to Tanis (Friendship Centre director) in front of the building. It is on the MCM website, <https://mennochurch.mb.ca/article/9077-riverton-fellowship-circle-closing-and-gifting-forward-video>

Mennonite Church Manitoba invites applications for two positions: Financial Services Assistant (.75 FTE) and Administrative Assistant (0.5 FTE) to start ca. February 1, 2021. These job descriptions are posted on the Mennonite Church Manitoba website. Please submit application letter and resume to Peter Rempel, Interim Administrator, at office@mennochurch.mb.ca by January 10.



**Mennonite
Disaster
Service**

The December edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue, we offer a timely prayer for 2020, A Prayer Amidst Disaster, written by an MDS staff member; read how volunteers are improving the space for homeless in Idaho; and be sure to save the date for our virtual MDS Annual Celebration.

[Click on this link to read more:](#) <https://conta.cc/37n9EGS>

Canadian Mennonite University

Christmas at CMU Highlights! Enjoy the music of the season and be drawn into the spirit of Advent with a curated selection from Christmas at CMU. Go to www.cmu.ca/christmas for more.

Through this Place is a monthly e-newsletter 'inside, outside and all about CMU'. If you want to be inspired and connected more with stories from the CMU learning community, subscribe to Through This Place at www.cmu.ca/newsletter.

Mennonite Central Committee Manitoba

Apply for SALT today. Serve internationally in a wide variety of fields like education, agriculture, healthcare, information technology, peace and more. Serving and Learning Together (SALT) is a year-long, cross-cultural service experience for Christian young adults. Visit mccmb.ca/SALT to register and learn more.

Join the Ottawa Office and learn about how MCC is reshaping Canadian international aid policy. This virtual seminar from Feb 16-18 is available for university students. Application deadline is Jan 15 and registration is \$20. Learn more and apply at mccmb.ca/Student-Seminar.



INTERNATIONAL WITNESS

Witness workers isolated from family back home

As many of us here in Canada celebrate Christmas distanced from family, pray for International Witness workers and their families as they celebrate, while also distanced. Several of the workers have given up scheduled trips back to Canada to see family in the last year in order to keep working in their country of ministry. Pray that we all experience God's promise of Emmanuel.

Prayer for church and leaders in Ethiopia

Please continue to pray for the situation in Tigray, Ethiopia. Pray for unity within the Meserete Kristos Church that includes all ethnic groups in Ethiopia. Pray for safety for the Eritrean refugees in camps in that area. Pray that God's peace will reign and that leaders will be given wisdom to act for the good of all.

Bethlehem hard hit by absence of tourism during pandemic

As we sing and read about Bethlehem this season, pray for the ministry of Bethlehem Bible College. Pray for the people of Bethlehem, hard hit by the absence of tourism in this time of COVID-19. Pray that once again the message of peace will be proclaimed across the hills.

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