
Rosthern Mennonite Church

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Worship Service - First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018, Number 48

Worship Leader

Todd Hanson

Pianist

Cara Epp

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: Now is the time of waiting and watching. We wait expectantly for the Messiah, for God's promises to be fulfilled.

People: **We turn to you, O God, in the midst of this chaotic world, longing for that day of salvation to arrive. How long must we wait?**

Leader: Pay attention, be still, and know that God is with us. The signs are all around us.

People: **Fill us with the faith and the hope of what is to be as we come before you with open hearts.**

All: ***Come, Lord Jesus, come!***

Gathering Prayer

Gathering Hymns *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah**
*Oh, how joyfully**

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn *Comfort, comfort, O my people**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Children's Time/Lighting of the Advent Candle

Hymn *Peace before us** (v. 1 & 5)

Tithes and Offerings

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16
Luke 21:25-36

Hymn *Come, thou long-expected Jesus**

Meditation

***"Watching, Waiting ... Longing"* Craig Neufeld**

Sending Blessing

Sending Hymn

*Oh, how shall I receive thee**

**All of this morning's hymns are included in the song sheet in your bulletin.*

PRAISE AND CONCERNS:

In December, the Rosthern Ministerial asks us to pray for Rosthern Junior College, and for the Christmas hamper distribution.

Prayer request from Mennonite Church SK

Pray for the Benin Bible Institute (BBI) as it will experience significant transitions in the next few years as several professors and the current administrator plan to retire. Pray that capable professors and the right person to fulfill the role of administrator will be found to continue the vibrant and impactful ministry in Benin.

THIS WEEK:

Today, 10:00 a.m. – Prayer time

10:30 a.m. – Worship service at the Nursing Home

7:00 p.m. – Community Carol Festival, here in our church

Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. – Pastoral committee meets

4:30 p.m. – Worship committee meets

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Blanket-making

10:00 a.m. – Advent Coffee hour, sponsored by the Pastoral Committee. Everyone welcome, invite a friend.

7:30 p.m. – Christmas concert with Sonrisa Women's Choir and A Buncha Guys, at Nutana Park MC, Saskatoon. Tickets \$10 at the door. All are welcome.

Friday, 6:00 p.m. - Church Christmas banquet – your reservations must be in today! This event is also an informal farewell for Craig. A formal farewell will be on Dec 23 during the worship service.

Next Sunday, 9:15 a.m. – Prayer time

10:00 a.m. – Worship service – Second Sunday of Advent

11:00 a.m. – Coffee and fellowship time

2:00 – 5:30 p.m. – Christmas Celebration at Shekinah, with music by Sonrisa and A Buncha Guys, a sing-along, and Christmas treats. Tickets \$10, available at the door.

COMING EVENTS:

Dec. 12, 19, 10:00 a.m. – Advent coffee hour, all are welcome – invite a friend

Dec. 14, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. – Good Neighbours Food Centre Community Chili Lunch – all are welcome, admission by donation

Dec. 19, 7:30 p.m. – RJC Christmas concert at Knox United, Saskatoon

Dec. 19, 20, 7:00 p.m. - Mennonite Heritage Museum's "Christmas by Lamplight." Pump organ, carols, nostalgia and Hot Chocolate. Limited seating, call 232-7553 to reserve.

Dec. 21, 7:00 p.m. – RJC Christmas concert, in the school auditorium

Dec. 24, 7:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve service

Jan. 27, 2019 – Annual congregational meeting

Feb. 8 – 9 – MDS All-unit Meeting, in Tucson AZ – see posted information

Mar. 8 – 9 – Mennonite Church SK annual delegate sessions, at Zoar Mennonite Church, Waldheim

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Rosthern Mennonite Church Financial Report						
Worship service #47						
	Actual	Weekly Budget	Weekly Surplus/Deficit	Actual	Year to Date Budget	Surplus/Deficit
Offering	\$ 1,867.00					
Coffee	\$ 41.00					
BUDGET	\$ 1,908.00	\$3,585.00	\$ (1,677.00)	\$155,263.84	\$168,495.00	\$ (13,321.16)
Banquet tickets	\$ 500.00					
Blanketmaking	\$ 50.00					
TOTAL	\$ 2,458.00					

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November 25, 2018
Attendance last Sunday: 76

As we near the end of the year, we find ourselves somewhat short of our budgeted donations for the year. The church leadership thanks all of you for your generous giving throughout the year, and asks that you consider a year-end gift so we can meet our budget for 2018.

Welcome to:

Rosthern Mennonite Church



*Followers of Jesus Christ
Called by God
Empowered by the Spirit
To Grow as a Community of Grace, Joy and Peace
So that God's Healing and Hope Flow through Us to the World*

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School 11:15 a.m.
Office Hours Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m.- Noon

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Church Council is looking for a person to fill the following request: The Mennonite Heritage Museum has an urgent need for persons excited about our heritage and faith to join the board that will need to guide the project into the future. Please consider this opportunity to work with others to guide what is not only a museum, but a witness to the community. Please talk to Ted if you are interested.

Church Council is also looking for someone to organize the New Year's Eve event at RMC. Talk to Ted for details.

MCC Connects: MCC is now accepting applications for the Ottawa Student Seminar. Students in post-secondary interested in the theme of "People on the Move: Human Rights and Global Migration" can view information online at <https://mcccanada.ca/stories/ottawa-office-student-seminar-february-14-16-2019> or contact Erica Baerwald at the MCCS office (306) 665-2555 before December 19th.

Prairie Meadow Place now has a furnished single suite which is available on a temporary basis. Cost is \$55/day (minimum 7 day rental) or \$1,650/month. This cost includes 3 meals per day.

A Canadian Advancement Associate is being sought for Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. This half-time staff member will inspire donors, congregations and Canadian regional church leaders. The successful candidate will be committed to the mission of AMBS as it becomes a centre for global Anabaptist theological education. Preferred qualifications: previous fundraising experience; bachelor's degree with some graduate-level study; superior communication skills — interpersonal, written and spoken; AMBS alum; Canadian citizen and resident. See a full job description: ambs.edu/jobs

Canadian Mennonite is hiring an Online Media Manager, a full-time position that can be worked remotely. Multi-media journalists with a passion for the Mennonite church are welcome to apply. Go to canadianmennonite.org/employment.

For the month of December, Good Neighbours Food Centre (Food Bank) is requesting donations of hampers. If you plan to assemble one or more hampers, please note that you are asked to let them know by Dec. 7 how many you are preparing. Through a generous matching grant from Nutrien, donations made until Dec. 31 will have the double the impact! See the bulletin insert.

We have upgraded our video equipment, and are now able to air our services live. To watch the services, you will need access to a computer, and a Facebook account. Contact the church office if you need more information.