

Grace Mennonite Church
Second Advent Worship Service
Sunday, December 9
10:00 am



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10:00 a.m. – Worship Service
 Pastors Mel Letkeman & Kyle Penner
www.gracesteinbach.ca
 204-326-3707

Second Advent

Welcome & Life of the Congregation

Come, thou long-expected Jesus HWB# 178 vs 1

Call to Worship

Here in this place HWB# 6

Savoir of the nations, come HWB# 173

Isaiah 42:1-9

Waiting

*Poetry/Worship Music /Candle lighting
 Ready my heart*

Children's Time, Giving Project & Offering

Children may leave for children's church.

Oh, how shall I receive thee HWB# 182

Magnificat Prayer

Listening for God

Matthew 1:18-25

Longing for light STJ# 54

Congregational Prayer

Come, thou Almighty King HWB# 41

Benediction

Participants in today's Worship Service:

Worship Speaker:	Mel Letkeman
Worship Leader:	Chris Peters
Song Leader:	David Klassen
Accompanist:	Emmy Friesen
Candle lighters:	David Graham, Lise McMillan, Amos
Poetry Reader:	Mark Reimer
Children's Time:	Lisa Desautels, Garth Allan
Children's Church:	Stephanie Allan, Kristy Rempel, Kyle Penner, Audrey Brandt
Ushers:	Vi Brown, Thanh Trinh, Brenda Penner
Coffee Servers:	Irene Rempel, Mary Doerksen
Computer Tec:	Sound Tec: Tim Schmitt Kurt Barz

Sunday's at Grace

All are welcome to join us for coffee in the foyer,
following the worship service this morning.

Children's Church for ages 3 to Grade 8 is held during the worship service.
You may pick up your children following the worship service in the upper level,
classrooms 10, 11, 12, 13 & 14.

Sisters of Grace

11:15 am

We invite all women for a time of sharing and prayer as we read the book:
We Make the Road by Walking (Brian McLaren)
We will meet in the lounge located in the lower level.

We Pray

We pray for **Roxanne Klassen and her family** as she
has cancer surgery Monday, December 10.

We pray for our house bound and care home residents:
Nancy Pauls, Jake Penner, Frank & Martha Plett, Linda Martens.
We pray for continued patience for these residents and their families,
as they live their lives with varied challenges.

Prayer for this week:
**In the many situations of our lives, pray that God helps you understand
how you are to live and be.**

This week at Grace:

- Sunday: (9th) Little Bits of Grace Lunch - All families with children are invited to join us for a lunch in the lower level following the worship service
Choir Practice 11:30 – 1:30
- Monday: Red River English classes (Monday thru Thursday)
Sandwich preparation for HSD students, 9:00 am
- Tuesday: Soup's On, 5:00 pm
Southwood rental 9 – 5
- Wednesday: Southwood rental 9 - 5
- Thursday: Stories with Seniors 2:00 pm (alternative location to be determined)
Southwood Christmas Concert rental 9 – 9:30 pm
- Friday: Soup's On, 5:00 pm
- Sunday: (16th) Choir Practice 11:30 – 1:30
Worship at Woodhaven, 9:30 am
Worship at Resthaven, 2:30 pm
Family gathering rental, 11 am – 7 pm
Paungassi gift wrapping, 11:00 am

Our Condolences go out to John & Sarah Neufeld and their family on the passing of Sarah's younger sister, **Ruth Reimer** on November 28. The funeral was held on December 3 in Winkler.

A note from Grace office: We are looking for Mel's book, 'Streams in the dessert'. If you have information on this book, please let Mel know at your earliest convenience.
Thank you.

Opportunities & Events at Grace:

A note from the Grace Women's Coffee Time: All women are invited to our Christmas Coffee Time, December 19, at 10 am. Please bring Christmas goodies to share. We will plan to have a 'cookie exchange' with the items that remain. For more information please contact Barb Lane.

Grace Financial Update:

General Giving Budget for 2018 - \$404,305

General Giving to Nov.30 - \$344,123

Less: Auction Funds designated to building - \$29,145.00

Balance to Collect in December: - \$89,327

Just a reminder that for those people with outstanding 2018 building fund pledges, if you want these funds to be included on your 2018 tax receipt the funds need to be received by December 31. Thank you



Christmas has come to the library!

Come and check out our new children's, youth, juvenile and adult fiction books.

You are invited to an evening with Steve Bell - Friday, December 14th 7:00 pm

at Steinbach Mennonite Brethren Church. Admission is free with a freewill donation to build Christian schools in Latin America. www.genrising.org

Faith and Life Male Choir and Women's Chorus Christmas Concerts:

December 15, 7:00 pm Springfield Heights Mennonite Church, Winnipeg

December 16, 3:00 pm Altona Bergthaler Mennonite Church, Altona.

A freewill offering to support the choir ministry will be taken.

Please see the bulletin board for more information on conference and community events.

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Advent Worship at Grace



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Matthew 1:18-25

Little Bits of Grace Lunch after Worship

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Sunday, December 16

Third Advent

Luke 2:1-20

Christmas Music Presentation with the Grace Children

Paungassi Gift Wrapping @ 11:15

Thursday, December 20

7:00 pm – Longest Night Service

Sunday, December 23

Fourth Advent

Luke 1:26-56

Monday, December 24

7:00 pm - Christmas Eve Service



Tuesday, December 25

There will be no Christmas Morning Worship this year.

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Grace Children's Church
Advent Project
December 2 – December 23

The **Children's Church** program will be collecting for both local and global needs over Advent.

During the service,
the youngest class will be collecting boxes of cereal to donate to Helping Hands Food Bank.

After the service,
the K-4 classes will be collecting donation money to create hygiene kits for MCC.
The children will run a "store" where you can buy the items needed to assemble the kits.
Each kit will cost \$10.

O Clavis

(Isaiah 22:22)

Malcolm Guite

O Key of David and sceptre of the House of Israel
You open and no one can shut
You shut and no one can open
Come and lead the prisoners from the prison house
Those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death

Even in the darkness where I sit
And huddle n the midst of misery
I can remember freedom, but forget
That every lock must answer to a key
That each dark clasp, sharp and intricate
Must find a counter-clasp to meet it's guard
Particular, exact and intimate
The clutch and catch that meshes with it's ward

I cry out for the key I threw away
That turned and over turned with certain touch
And with the lovely lifting of a latch
Opened my darkness to the light of day
O come again, come quickly, set me free
Cut to the quick, to fit the master key

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