

Grace Mennonite Church
Fourth Advent Worship Service
Sunday, December 23
10:00 am



...humble and delighted

Grace Mennonite Church

10:00 a.m. – Worship Service
Pastors Mel Letkeman & Kyle Penner
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Fourth Advent

Welcome & Life of the Congregation

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

Call to Worship

Joy to the world HWB# 318

Blessed Savior, we adore thee HWB# 107

Isaiah 7:14; 9:2,6,7

Waiting

Poetry/Worship Music /Candle lighting

Even so, Lord Jesus Come

Children's Time, Giving Project

Children may leave for children's church.

Magnificat Prayer

Luke 1:26-56

What Child is this HWB# 215

Humble and Delighted

Silent night, holy night HWB# 193

Prayer & Offering

Mary, did you know?

Hark! the herald angels sing HWB# 201

Benediction

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

Participants in today's Worship Service:

Worship Speaker:	Mel Letkeman
Worship Leader:	Brenda Penner
Song Leaders:	Leroy Penner, Shara Dueck, Kristy Rempel, Vern Falk, David Graham
Accompanists:	Laurie Wiens, Dennis Hiebert
Candle lighters:	James, Sarah & Emily Barkman
Poetry Reader:	Rachel Sidorchuk
Children's Time:	Mike Felletti, Kyle Penner
Children's Church:	Tom Wiebe, Sarah Dyck, Enid Letkeman, Kyle Penner
Ushers:	Mary Doerksen, Cam Barkman, Bob Schmor
Coffee Servers:	Bill & Shannon Giesbrecht
Sound Tec:	Bruce Blatz
Computer Tec:	Kurt Barz

Sunday's at Grace

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.

**Children's church will pause for Christmas Break
(December 30th & January 6th) and resume on Sunday January 13th.**

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 those dealing with ongoing medical concerns and treatments:

**Matt Rogalsky, John Neufeld, Regon Barkman, Laurie Kroeker,
Betty Koop, Elmer & Shirley Joy.**

Prayer for this week:

Pray for the desire to say "Yes" to God.

A note from Grace Council:

Save the date! The Grace AGM will be January 27th starting at 11:15 am with lunch being served.

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.

**Grace Children's Church
Advent Project
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.

Thank you to all who have participated!

**Christmas at Grace
Come wrap presents!**

After worship today, grab a coffee and then come back to the "old foyer" to help wrap a book for 60 school aged kids in Paungassi.

Monday, December 24

7:00 pm

Grace Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Featuring Grace Choir,
Special Music with Leroy Penner,
Cindy Blatz, Pearl Barz, Cathy Barkman.
Conductor: Shirley Bestvater
Accompanists: Kim Sidorchuk, Ernie Klassen,
Rob Sidorchuk, David Graham.
Including many more...



Tuesday, December 25

*There will be no Christmas Morning Worship at Grace this year.
All are welcome to attend the **Steinbach Mennonite Church** for
Christmas morning service at 10:45am.*

Annunciation

We see so little, stayed on surfaces
We calculate the outsides of all things
Preoccupied with our own purposes
We miss the shimmer of angel's wings

They coruscate around us in their joy
A swirl of wheels and eyes and wings unfurled
They guard the good we purpose to destroy
A hidden blaze of glory in God's world

But on this day a young girl stopped to see
With open eyes and heart. She heard the voice;
The promise of His glory yet to be

As time stood still for her to make a choice;
Gabriel knelt and not a feather stirred
The Word Himself was waiting on her word.

Malcolm Guite

This week at Grace:

Sunday: ^(23rd) Choir Practice 11:30 – 1:30
Monday: Choir Practice 4:30
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7:00 pm
Tuesday: Grace Office will be closed for Christmas Day
Wednesday: Grace Office will be closed for Boxing Day
Friday: Soup's On, 5:00 pm

Please see the bulletin board for more information on church & community events.

Grace contacts:

Pastor:	Mel Letkeman	mel@gracesteinbach.ca
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Administrative Assistant: <i>Thursday & Friday</i>	Audrey Frey	audrey@gracesteinbach.ca



FOR

unto us a

Child

is born, Unto us a

Son is given

And the government shall be

upon His shoulder

And His name shall be called

WONDERFUL

Counsellor

The Mighty God

The Everlasting Father

THE PRINCE OF PEACE

ISAIAH

9:6

Merry Christmas from the Grace Staff:
Mel Letkeman, Kyle Penner, Mike Wiebe
Cathy Barkman, Audrey Frey