

Grace Mennonite Church  
Sunday,  
December 27, 2020  
10:00 am



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10:00 a.m. – Worship Service

Pastors Mel Letkeman & Kyle Penner

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Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8984736540>

## Gathering

Breakout Groups \*

## Calling to Worship

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**Come Thou Long Expected Jesus**

## Christmas Stories

Christmas Story - The Long Road

**Oh, How Shall I Receive Thee?**

## Reflecting on Christmas Stories

Matthew 2:1-12

The Magi

**A Winter Walk**

## Sending

Congregational Prayer

Life of the Congregation

Benediction

**Oh How Joyfully**

Worship Leader:

Ed Neufeld

Worship Speaker:

Kyle Penner

Scripture:

Dennis Hiebert

Worship Music:

Roxanne Klassen

Storyteller:

Ed Neufeld

Digital Usher:

Betty Shore

Per public health guidelines, Churches are closed. Grace Office Staff will be working from home until further notice. If you need to get into the building for something, please contact the office via email.

## We Pray Together

**Prayer for our Congregation:** Lord, encourage us in our isolation. Pray for someone you know who is alone without any family near by this Christmas.

**Prayer for our Community:**

We pray for rest and renewal for all the teachers and students this holiday break.



**Agape House, Soups On, Southeast Helping Hands, & Steinbach Community Outreach** as they continue to work and support those in need, during these difficult days.

**Prayer for this Week:** God, help us to step back and take the long view.

**Prayer for the World:** We continue to pray for remote First Nation communities, including Pauingassi, as Covid and lockdowns have a disproportionately negative effect of them.

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**Thank you:**

Grace staff would like to thank the congregation for your generosity throughout the year including the gift cards we received this Christmas. We hope you have a good Christmas and look forward to seeing you in 2021.

Mel Letkeman, Kyle Penner, Cathy Barkman, Audrey Frey, Mike Wiebe

## Opportunities at Grace

**Communion on Jan 3, 2021:**

We will be sharing communion during Zoom Worship on Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>. Have the elements ready in your homes so that you will be ready to participate.

**Merry Christmas from Little Bits of Grace:** We are thinking about all the children of Grace and their families this Christmas season. We miss you and wish you love and peace. We will start our morning coffee time again just as soon as it is possible. Looking forward to seeing you all again.



**Reminder** - Any funds you wish to be receipted for in 2020 need to be received by Dec.31. If you need to make arrangements for donations between Dec.27-31, please contact Phil Guenther at [pjg@mymts.net](mailto:pjg@mymts.net).

**Save the date:** Grace Mennonite 2020 AGM will be held January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Details to follow (time, virtual or not).

**This week at Grace: December 27- December 3**

- Sunday:** Virtual Worship Service, 10 am \*\*\*
- Monday:** Soup's On lunch program for HSD, 9:00 am
- Tuesday:** Soup's On Take out only, 5:00 pm
- Wednesday:** Advent and Christmas Prayers with Henri J M Nouwen, 7:15am & 9:15 pm (zoom) \*\*\*
- Thursday:** Advent Stories with Seniors, 10 am. (zoom)\*\*\*
- Friday:** Soup's On Take out only, 5:00 pm

**\*\*\* For all zoom meetings please use this link:**

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**Reverse Advent Calendar collection for Steinbach Community Outreach**

**Update:** As the church will remain closed until January 8th we are asking that anyone who is doing the Reverse Advent Calendar for Steinbach Community Outreach to please drop off your donations directly to Steinbach Community Outreach at 345 Loewen Blvd, west side SCO Blue doors from 9-5. Please call 204-898-9033 for days of the week that drop offs can be made. If dropping off your donation is a problem and you need help with that please contact Pearl Barz at 204-228-1526, and other arrangements will be made to do that for you.

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## Worship service songs for December 27:

Songs may have been modified for the worship service this morning.

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### Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

*Please join us for congregational singing.*

1. Come thou long-expected Jesus!  
Born to set thy people free.  
From our fears and sins release us,  
Let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth thou art.  
Dear desire of every nation,  
Joy of every longing heart.
2. Born thy people to deliver,  
born a child, and yet a King.  
Born to reign in us forever,  
Now they gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal Spirit,  
Rule in all our hearts alone.  
By thine all sufficient merit,  
Raise us to thy glorious throne

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*Please use these lyrics to guide your worship during the music and video.*

### I Wonder as I Wander Out Under the Sky

Composed by Jacob Niles, 1933

(An Appalachian Carol)

1. I wonder as I wander out under the sky,  
How Jesus the Savior did come for to die,  
For poor on-ry people like you and like I ...  
I wonder as I wander out under the sky.
2. When Mary birthed Jesus 'twas in a cow's stall,  
With wise men and farmers and shepherds and all.  
But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall,  
And the promise of ages it then did recall.
3. If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing,  
A star in the sky, or a bird on the wing,  
Of all of God's angels in heav'n for to sing,  
He surely could have it, for he was the King.

# Oh, How Shall I Receive Thee

*\*Please join us for congregational singing.*

1. Oh, how shall I receive thee, how meet thee on thy way,  
Blessed hope of every nation, my soul's delight and stay?  
O Jesus, Jesus, give me now by thine own pure light  
To know whatever is pleasing, and welcome in thy sight.
2. Love caused thine incarnation; Love brought thee down to me.  
Thy thirst for my salvation procured my liberty.  
Oh, love beyond all telling, that let thee to embrace,  
In love, all love excelling, our lost and troubled race.
3. Thou comest, Lord, with gladness, in mercy and good will.  
To bring an end to sadness and bid our fears be still.  
We welcome thee, our Savior; come gather us to thee,  
That in thy light eternal our joyous home may be.

