

Grace Mennonite Church

January 3, 2021

10:00 am



*“And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years,
And in divine and human favor.”*

Luke 2:52

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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>

Breakout Groups

Call to Worship

Go tell it on the mountain

Prayer of Lament and Thanksgiving for 2020

Children's Story

Sharing

Daniel and Damaris

'Twas in the moon of wintertime HWB # 190

Luke 2:41-52

Who Will We Look Like

Communion

Congregational Prayer

Life of the Congregation

Like a mother who has borne us STJ # 91

Benediction

Worship Leader:

Worship Speaker:

Time with the Children:

Worship Music:

Accompanist:

Sharing:

Digital Usher:

Judy Hiebert

Mel Letkeman

Kyle Penner

Cindy Blatz, Loretta Friesen

Karen Pries

Daniel & Damaris Loewen-Rudgers

Matt Penner

Sunday, January 3

We will be sharing communion during Zoom Worship.
Please have the elements ready in your homes so that you
will be ready to participate.

Sunday, January 10

Worship Speaker: Kyle Penner
Luke 3:1-22

Have you been baptized? Why or why not?

We hope to begin Worship as both Zoom and a Live Stream
next week, **January 10th**. So, join us 'as usual' on Zoom at 10:00 am.
As we gather, we'll have further instructions
as to how we'll be worshipping together.

We Pray Together

Prayer for our Congregation:

Express to God your deepest longings for Grace as we enter the New Year.

We pray for those in Care Homes: **Linda Martens, Jake Penner, Martha Plett, Nancy Pauls, Abe Friesen, Marie Dyck, Irene Rempel, Florence Goertzen**, particularly as they live very isolated lives due to the Covid restrictions.

Prayer for our Community:

We pray for continued patience with each other as we continue to live together with the restrictions given to us for the well-being of all.

Prayer for this Week:

God, give us the desire to be formed as your people living in your name.

Prayer for the World:

Read the news and pray for one group of refugees that you learn about.

Opportunities at Grace

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

This week at Grace – January 3 to 9

- Sunday 3rd:** Virtual Zoom 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:** Morning and Evening Prayers
7:15 am & 9:15 pm (zoom) ***
Middle School Zoom, 7:00 pm ***
- Thursday:** High School Zoom, 8:00 pm ***
- Friday:** Soup's On Take out only, 5:00 pm
- Sunday 10th:** Virtual Zoom & a Live Stream Worship Service, 10 am ***

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



On December 13th, there was a *Voices Together Dedication Launch* digital event. Those who would like to view this one hour event may watch it by clicking [HERE](#). *Voices Together* hymnals have been ordered for our sanctuary and they will arrive sometime in the new year.

Grace Contacts:

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Worship service songs for January 3rd

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

Go, tell it on the mountain

While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light

Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

The shepherds feared and trembled
When, lo above the earth,
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Saviour's birth

Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

Down in a lowly manger
Our humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn.

John W. Work Jr.

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'Twas in the moon of wintertime

'Twas in the moon of wintertime, when all the birds had fled,
The mighty Gitchi Manitou sent angel choirs instead.
Before their light the stars grew dim,
and wond'ring hunters heard the hymn:

Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born,
In excelsis gloria

Within a lodge of broken bark the tender babe was found,
A ragged robe of rabbit skin enwrapped his beauty 'round.
But as the hunter braves drew nigh, the angel song rang loud and high:

Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born,
In excelsis gloria

O children of the forest free, O seed of Manitou,
The holy child of earth and heav'n is born today for you.
Come kneel before the radiant boy who brings you beauty, peace, and joy.

Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born,
In excelsis gloria

Jean de Brébeuf / French folk melody - Hymnal # 190

Like a mother who has borne us

Like a mother who has borne us,
Held us close in her delight,
Fed us freely from her body,
God has called us into life

Like a father who has taught us,
Grasped our hand and been our guide,
Lifted us and healed our sorrows,
God has walked with us in life.

Tough as children we have wandered,
Placed our trust in pow'r and might,
Left behind our brothers, sisters,
God still calls us into life.

When we offer food and comfort,
Grasp our neighbor's hand in love,
Tread the path of peace and justice,
God still walks with us in life.



Daniel Bechtel / William P. Rowan - Sing the Journey # 91