

# Love

IN THIS WAS MANIFESTED THE LOVE OF GOD  
TOWARD US...GOD SENT HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN  
SON INTO THE WORLD.

1 JOHN 4:9



# Grace Mennonite Church

December 19, 2021

10:00 am – Worship Service

Pastors Mel Letkeman & Kyle Penner

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## Fourth Advent - Love

Welcome and Life of the Congregation

***Joy to the World*** VT 240

Call to Worship

***O Little Town of Bethlehem*** VT 245

Confession and Assurance

***Away in a Manger*** VT 257

### Kids Program

Eliana Rempel – *Silent Night*

Zachary Penner – *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Kate Hiebert – *Chimes*

Zander Wiebe – *Deck the Halls*

Paxton Wiebe – *Jingle Bells*

Natalie Hiebert – *Oh Christmas Tree*

Evan Rempel – *Little Drummer Boy*

Lewis & Mabel Allan – *Poem and Song*

Willa Dueck – *Joy to the World*

### ***Light Four Candles***

Candle Lighting Litany

Candle Lighting

Time with the Children

*Children ages 3 – Grade 4 may leave for Children's Church  
Middle School kids are invited to remain in the sanctuary.*

[Luke 2:8-20](#)

***Angels We Have Heard on High*** VT 249

*Shepherds* - Poem read by Olivia Dupont

The Prince of Peace

***What Child Is This*** VT 267

Congregational Prayer & Offering

Arianna Penner – *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Jude Toews – *Silent Night*

***Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*** VT 261

Benediction

Worship Speaker	Kyle Penner
Worship Leader	Patrick Friesen
Musicians	Leroy Penner, Ron Dick, Kristy Rempel, Shara Dueck
Accompanist	Laurie Wiens
Candle Lighters	Otto, Naomi & Frank Goertzen
Children's Time	Kyle Penner, Jen Rogalsky, Paxton Wiebe
Technicians	Joe Dueck, Lloyd Funk
Ushers	Vi Brown, Brenda Penner
Greeters	Trudy Friesen, Cathy Barkman

## Fourth Advent Sunday – December 19

### 10:00 am - Worship Service

#### Attendance **OPTION B** (*proof of vaccination required*)

The worship service will also be livestreamed from 10 – 11 am. Please go to the YouTube website and search for Grace Mennonite Steinbach channel.



**Children's Church for ages 3 to Grade 4** will be held during today's worship service. (Middle School are invited to remain in the sanctuary for December 19<sup>th</sup>.) You may pick up your children following the worship service in the upper level - classrooms 10, 11, 12, 13 & 14. **The next dates for children's church are January 2, 16 & 30.**

**9:00 am – Sisters of Grace** will meet in the downstairs lounge every Sunday. We will gather before the worship service for a time of sharing and encouragement. All are welcome following the worship attendance schedule. (*Sisters of Grace will meet December 19. They will not meet December 26.*)

**Books for Pauingassi** - After worship today, hang around the foyer to wrap some books for the kids in Pauingassi.

## We Pray Together

Pray for **Tina Rempel** who is in the hospital.

We pray for those dealing with ongoing medical concerns – **Gord Bartel, Shirley Joy, Matt Rogalsky, Regon Barkman, Laurie Kroeker**

**Prayer for the week:** Help us work for the common good of both our church, and our community.

**Congratulations** to **Heidi** and **Gary Bergman** on the birth of their daughter, **Annalee Margaret Bergman**, born December 8<sup>th</sup>. **Annalee** is a new sister for **Katie, Heather** and **Andrew**.

# Longest Night Service

Longest Night Service on Tuesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm.

Attendance Option A – Due to restrictions, only 25 people will be able to be in attendance so we ask that you RSVP to [office@gracesteinbach.ca](mailto:office@gracesteinbach.ca) or call 204 326 3707 before Tuesday noon if you would like to attend.

This service will also be livestreamed.

## This Week at Grace ❖ December 20 - 24

<b>Monday</b>	Soup's On Lunch Program, 9:00 am <b>Music Practise</b> in sanctuary, 7:00 pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Soup's On Take Out only, 4:30 pm <b>Longest Night Service</b> , 7:00 pm RSVP to <a href="mailto:office@gracesteinbach.ca">office@gracesteinbach.ca</a> or 204 326 3707
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Stories with Seniors</b> , 10:00 am – ZOOM <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8984736540">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8984736540</a>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Service</b> , 7:00 pm RSVP to <a href="mailto:office@gracesteinbach.ca">office@gracesteinbach.ca</a> or 204 326 3707 by December 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1:00 pm.

### Faith and Life Choirs Christmas 2021 – Video

Watch the 20 minute concert by the Faith and Life Choirs and MCM Staff.

[www.mennochurch.mb.ca/flchoirs](http://www.mennochurch.mb.ca/flchoirs)

If you would like to receive the *Canadian Mennonite*, please email Cathy at [cathy@gracesteinbach.ca](mailto:cathy@gracesteinbach.ca).

### Financial update:

Budgeted giving for 2021 - \$452,560

Actual giving to Dec. 15/21 - \$361,223

If you wish your **building pledges** to be receipted for the 2021 year please give them to the church treasurer by December 31, 2021.

**The church office will be closed December 27-29.** Please see the church directory for pastoral contact information in case of an emergency. We will be open December 30 & 31.

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**Office Hours:** Tuesday – Friday ❖ 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

# Shepherd

*Lisa Debney*



Until tonight

I could not fit the size of God  
into my head.

I thought he was a God  
for prophets and kings,  
men of words and wisdom.

But tonight I am looking at God made small,  
small enough for me,  
small enough to pick up  
and hold like a lamb.

I could not talk to a God in the clouds;  
but tonight when I look and smile  
and talk nonsense to this  
tiny thing, I know that I am  
talking to God.

And it is God who smiles  
back at me and waves his  
perfect hands in delight.

And tonight in your smallness, God,  
you seem bigger and more powerful  
to me than you ever did before.

I can hold you now,  
hold you in my head  
and hold you in my arms,  
and know that you are holding me in yours.

# We gather to Worship in the hope of... 'Emmanuel ... God With Us'

## Sundays in the Sanctuary

Option B attendance – Sunday Services will also be livestreamed.

December 19  
Fourth Advent - Love

December 26  
Emmanuel...God With Us



## Tuesdays

Option A attendance. Please RSVP

December 21  
Longest Night Worship in the Sanctuary  
This service will also be livestreamed.



## Christmas Eve Service

December 24 – 7:00 pm

The Christmas Eve in-person sanctuary service will be following attendance option B. (Option B is for fully immunized people and those under 12 who are not eligible to be fully vaccinated. Proof of vaccination will be required at the door. Please also have a government ID with you.)

We will be choosing a capacity limit of approximately 200 guests. RSVP is required to [office@gracesteinbach.ca](mailto:office@gracesteinbach.ca) or 204 326 3707 by Thursday, December 23 at 1:00 pm.

We are taking RSVPs for other services as well so please mention that you are RSVPing for the December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve Service.

This service will also be livestreamed. Go to the YouTube website and search for Grace Mennonite Steinbach channel.

Whether you are able to join us in person or via livestream, we look forward to celebrating the birth of Christ with you.

