

Peace

HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED...

PRINCE OF PEACE.

ISAIAH 9:6



Grace Mennonite Church

December 5, 2021

10:00 am – Worship Service

Pastors Mel Letkeman & Kyle Penner

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Second Advent - Peace

Welcome and Life of the Congregation

It Came upon a Midnight Clear VT 248

Call to Worship

Hear the Turmoil of the Nations VT 201

[Malachi 3:1-4](#)

Confession and Assurance

Light Two Candles

Candle Lighting Litany

Candle Lighting

Time with the Children

Children may leave for Children's Church

[Matthew 1:18-24](#)

Poetry – *The Journey of the Magi* by TS Eliot

A Long Way to Go

Carpool, Mansplaining, & Surrender

Come and Fill Our Hearts VT 52

Congregational Prayer & Offering

Longing for Light VT 715

Benediction

Worship Speaker	Kyle Penner
Worship Leader	Tara Klassen
Musicians	Gary Bergman, Scott & Adrielle Jodoin Pearl Barz, Cindy Blatz
Instrumentalists	Karen Toews, Alexandra Nikkel, Rebeka Schroeder
Candle Lighters	Gerald & Teresa Banman
Children's Time	Alexandra Nikkel, Kyle Penner
Scripture	Patrick Friesen
Poetry	Gary Bergman
Technicians	Bruce Blatz, Chris Peters
Ushers	Doug Kathler, Sarah Neufeld
Greeters	Kurt & Pearl Barz

Second Advent Sunday – December 5

10:00 am - Worship Service - Attendance OPTION B

Given the updated public health restrictions, Sunday morning in-person worship services will be held under our Option B format (no capacity limits, proof of vaccination cards required).

Children's Church for ages 3 to Grade 8 will be held during the worship service in the traditional classrooms on alternating Sundays. 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 December 5th and December 19th.**

For people unable to attend in-person worship **the worship service will also be livestreamed from 10 – 11 am.** Please go to the YouTube website and search for Grace Mennonite Steinbach channel. You will be able to access an **audio recording** on the church website following the morning worship service.

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.

Tuesday Worship Services

During Advent we will be having Option A format (all may attend with capacity limit) mid week worship on Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m. It will be a time of music, litany, prayer and sharing. Due to restrictions, only 25 people will be able to be in attendance so we ask that you RSVP to office@gracesteinbach.ca or call 204 326 3707 before Tuesday noon if you would like to be in attendance.

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| December 7 | ZOOM with Dennis Hiebert and the Formation Session
(no RSVP required for Zoom) |
| December 14 | Worship in the sanctuary |
| December 21 | Longest Night in the sanctuary (may be livestreamed) |

We Pray Together

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

We pray for those in Care Homes: Pray that **Linda Martens, Martha Plett, Nancy Pauls, Abe Friesen, Marie Dyck, Irene Rempel**, will have some memory of past celebrations that will encourage them this Christmas.

Prayer for the week: Help us to “accept”.

Prayer for the world: Continue to pray for people in British Columbia dealing with the destructive effects of the recent floods.

This Week at Grace ❖ December 6 - 10

Monday	Soup's On Lunch Program, 9:00 am
Tuesday	Soup's On Take Out only, 4:30 pm Adult Formation , 7:30 pm - ZOOM See announcement below.
Thursday	Stories with Seniors , 10:00 am – ZOOM https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8984736540
Friday	Soup's On Take Out only, 4:30 pm



Grace Adult Formation on "It's One of My Favourite Carols!" A Participatory Virtual Christmas Concert

Find your favourite rendition of a Christmas carol or song on YouTube or elsewhere online. Then send the link to dennis.hiebert@prov.ca. During this session, we'll all hear from you why you like it so much, listen to it together, and comment on it. And then we'll do the same for everyone else's favourite carol too. To join this Zoom session, click the following link on Tuesday, December 7, at 7:30 pm: <https://prov.zoom.us/j/82105306119>

If you have any questions or want to request a recording of this session, contact Dennis Hiebert at dennis.hiebert@prov.ca

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

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The Journey of the Magi

TS Eliot



“A cold coming we had of it. Just the worst time of the year for a journey,
and such a long journey. The ways deep and the weather sharp,
the very dead of winter.”

And the camels galled, sore-footed, refractory, lying down in the melting snow.
There were times we regretted the summer palaces on slopes,
the terraces, and the silken girls bringing sherbet.

Then the camel men cursing and grumbling and running away, and wanting
their liquor and women, and the night-fires going out, and the lack of shelters,
and the cities hostile and the towns unfriendly and the villages dirty and
charging high prices: A hard time we had of it. At the end we preferred to travel
all night, sleeping in snatches, with the voices singing in our ears,
saying that this was all folly.

Then at dawn we came down to a temperate valley, wet, below the snow line,
smelling of vegetation; With a running stream and a water-mill beating the
darkness, and three trees on the low sky, and an old white horse
galloped away in the meadow.

Then we came to a tavern with vine-leaves over the lintel, six hands at an open
door dicing for pieces of silver, and feet kicking the empty wine-skins.

But there was no information, and so we continued and arrived at evening, not
a moment too soon finding the place; it was (you may say) satisfactory.

All this was a long time ago, I remember, and I would do it again, but set down.
This set down. This:

Were we led all that way for Birth or Death?

There was a Birth, certainly, we had evidence and no doubt. I had seen birth and
death, but had thought they were different; this Birth was Hard and bitter
agony for us, like Death, our death.

We returned to our places, Kingdoms, but no longer at ease here, in the old
dispensation, with an alien people clutching their gods.

I should be glad of another death.

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 5
Second Advent - Peace

December 12
Third Advent - Joy

December 19
Fourth Advent - Love

December 26
Emmanuel...God With Us



Tuesdays

Sanctuary Services are Option A attendance. Please RSVP

December 7
Zoom Formation with Dennis

December 14
Worship in the Sanctuary

December 21
Longest Night Worship in the Sanctuary
(may be livestreamed)



Christmas Eve

December 24 - Details to come