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The day is almost here!



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First Advent ✨ Longing for Restoration

Welcome and Life of the Congregation

Call to Worship

**Here in This Place** VT 10

Candle Lighting with **Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming** VT 216

**Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus** VT 218

[Luke 1:26-38](#)

Poetry – Marigold Peters

Prayer

Time with the Children

Children will be collecting for the Advent Giving Project as they come up.  
*Children ages 3 to Grade 8 may leave for Children’s Church.*

**We Come** VT 225

[Romans 13:9-12, 14](#); [Matthew 24:42-44](#)

Dressed and Ready?

Communion

**Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song** VT 581

Congregational Prayer & Offering

**Oh, How Shall I Receive Thee** VT 215

Benediction



Worship Speaker	Mel Letkeman
Worship Leader	John Mahi
Musicians	Pearl Barz, James Barkman, Cathy Barkman
Accompanists	Annalee Schellenberg, Karen Pries
Candle Lighters	Avery, Evan & Kian Rempel
Slides prepared by	Jim Peters
Children’s Time	Kyle Penner, Eliana Rempel
Technicians	Joe Dueck, Chris Peters
Ushers	Brenda Penner, Andrew & Erin Unger
Coffee Servers	Ed & Jacque Neufeld

# Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> ✨ First Advent

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## 10:00 am - Worship Service

**All are welcome.**

**We will be sharing communion this morning.**

If you are joining us via livestream, please have bread and juice ready at home for communion.

**Livestream** will be available between 10 – 11 am.

**Audio recording** can be accessed on church website after the service.

**Children's Church for ages 3 to Grade 8** will be held during the worship service. You may pick up your children following the worship service in the upper level classrooms. **The next dates for Children's Church are November 27 and December 11.**

## 9:00 am - Sisters of Grace

Come and join our gathering at 9:00 am each Sunday before the Worship Service in the downstairs lounge. Whether you're able to come once in a while or regularly, we hope to grow in our relationships with each other and with God.

### Grace Adult Formation Series on Climate Action Session 2: "Finding Our Gifts"

Sunday, November 27, in the sanctuary after the service

We will explore how to uncover our personal climate action superpower, and discuss different ways that church families can get organized around impactful climate action.



**The final Adult Formation Series on Climate Action will be held December 4.**

*Please join us for coffee in the foyer following the worship service.*

## L'il Bits of Grace Pizza Lunch Today (November 27)

If you are a caregiver of young children, we'd love to have you and your family join us for the L'il Bits of Grace First Advent pizza lunch in the basement of church following this mornings worship service. Join us for a slice of cheesy pie and warm conversation.

**Sunday, December 4**

**Second Advent**

**10:00 am – Worship Service**

Scripture: [Isaiah 11:1-10](#); [Matthew 3:1-12](#)

*What do you, and our world, need to confess?*

## We Pray Together

We pray for those in our community who use the resources that help with their lives on a daily basis:

**Agape House, Soups On, Southeast Helping Hands, Today House, Steinbach Community Outreach, Steinbach Family Resource Centre.**

**Prayer for the week:** Lord show me what it means to be clothed by you in all that I encounter and do.

**Pray for the world:** Pray for those suffering due to the humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan. (Go online if you want to read about it.)



**If you're interested in writing a puppet show for kids (or being a puppet),** please let Kyle know.

### Grace Christmas Tea

Everyone is invited to attend the Grace Christmas Tea on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Please RSVP to [cathy@gracesteinbach.ca](mailto:cathy@gracesteinbach.ca) or call 204 326 3707. See the invitation in your church mailbox.  
Hosted by Sisters of Grace

### Advent and Christmas Calendar at Grace

December 7 – Little Bits of Grace Morning Coffee

December 14 – Grace Christmas Tea

December 21 – Longest Night Worship

December 22 – Senior's Coffee

December 24 – Christmas Eve Worship

December 25 – Sunday Morning Worship



## This Week at Grace \* November 28 – December 2

<b>Monday</b>	Soup's On - Lunch Program, 9:00 am
<b>Tuesday</b>	Soup's On - Dine in lower auditorium, 5:00 – 6:15 pm <b>Church Council Meeting</b> , 7:00 pm in the foyer
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Stories with Seniors</b> , 10:00 am – <b>ZOOM</b> <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8984736540">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8984736540</a>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>High School Youth</b> , be at church at 6:25 pm <b>Escape Room</b> – Please RSVP with Kyle. Cost \$20
<b>Friday</b>	Soup's On - Dine in lower auditorium, 5:00 – 6:15 pm <b>Sanctuary reserved</b> , 2:00 – 3:00 pm

Note regarding our giving:

General giving in 2022 approved budget - \$ 427,450

Actual giving to Oct 31 - \$ 305,733

Grace Donation Options-

Grace Church Council want to remind you of your donation options for the next while.

If you have questions, please email the church office:

- Mailing your cheque to church
- Via automatic withdrawal
- e-transfer at [donate@gracesteinbach.ca](mailto:donate@gracesteinbach.ca)
- dropping your donation off in the lobby after church or to the office (Tue-Fri from 9.00 am – 1.00 PM)

**See the foyer bulletin board** for information regarding:

- A Christmas Carol Sing with the Faith and Life Choirs – December 18
- Steinbach Family Resource Centre volunteer and donation opportunities
- Steinbach Community Vespers Choir dates for 2022/2023
- MCM, MCC, MDS, CMU, AMBS
- Other organizations

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



## Advent Giving Project

In this season Advent, we want to remember those in our community who face difficult circumstances and are unable to provide healthy nourishing lunches for their children in school. The school lunch program being run by Soups On, here at Grace, is experiencing increasing demands for school lunches. For the next 4 Sundays of Advent, we ask you to bring one or more of the items on the list of School Lunch Program needs. As the children come forward for their time with the puppets, they will be coming to us in our seats to collect the items that we bring to help build a mountain of supplies needed for the school lunches.

### **School Lunch Program Needs**

- ♦ Fruit to go
- ♦ Cereal
- ♦ Oatmeal- instant packages
- ♦ Fruit sauces- mostly apple
- ♦ NUT FREE Granola bars- regular with chocolate chips (not chocolate covered)
- ♦ NUT FREE Gummies- Welch's or Sunkist- individual packages
- ♦ Pudding- snack packs in either chocolate or vanilla
- ♦ Fish crackers- in boxes
- ♦ Fruit cups- peaches
- ♦ Spoons- plastic- teaspoons
- ♦ Canned ham- maple leaf-156 gram tins
- ♦ Peanut butter- Kraft 500 gram
- ♦ Jam- strawberry- 500 ml

