

Prepare the way of the Lord!



Grace Mennonite Church
December 4, 2022
Second Advent

Welcome and Life of the Congregation
Call to Worship
Oh, How Shall I Receive Thee VT 215
Candle Lighting with **Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming** VT 216
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly VT 243
O Come Emmanuel

[Luke 1:39-56](#)
Poetry – Ashley Gingras
Prayer

Fill Us with Your Feast VT 309
Time with the Children
Children will be collecting for the Advent Giving Project as they come up.

Messiah/O Come All Ye Faithful
[Luke 3:1-19](#)

Cleaned and Ready?
Longing for Light VT 715

Congregational Prayer & Offering
Hark! the Herald Angels Sing VT 247
Benediction



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| Worship Speaker | Mel Letkeman |
| Worship Leader | Tara Klassen |
| Musicians | David Klassen, Patrick Enns |
| Accompanists | Roxanne Klassen, Annalee Schellenberg |
| Candle Lighters | Theresa Sawatzky |
| Slides prepared by | Jim Peters |
| Children's Time | Kyle Penner, Eliana Rempel |
| Technicians | Matthew Boese, Joe Dueck |
| Ushers | Kurt Barz, Shannon Gerbrandt |
| Coffee Servers | Ken & LillyAnne Giesbrecht |

Sunday, December 4th ✨ Second Advent

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10:00 am - Worship Service

All are welcome.

Livestream will be available between 10 – 11 am.

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

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 3: "What's Next for Grace Mennonite?"

Sunday, December 4, in the sanctuary after the service

We will consider the gifts of our church, the priorities of our people, and the possibilities created by our unique combination of gifts and priorities. Come prepared to make concrete plans for next steps in climate action as a church family!



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

Sunday, December 11

Third Advent

10:00 am – Worship Service

Children's Church

Scripture: [Psalm 145:5-10](#)

What stories do you like to tell at Christmastime?



Grace Christmas Tea

Everyone is invited to attend the Grace Christmas Tea on Wednesday, December 14th. Please RSVP to cathy@gracesteinbach.ca or call 204 326 3707.

See the invitation in your church mailbox.
Hosted by Sisters of Grace

We Pray Together

Pray for **Shara Dueck** as she recovers at home from surgery.

We pray for those in Care Homes:

Marie Dyck, Shirley Joy, Linda Martens and Christina Putz.

Prayer for the week: Lord help me to ask the question of you,
'What should I do?'

Pray for the world: Pray for newcomers celebrating their first Christmas away from home.

Advent & Christmas Calendar at Grace

December 7 – Little Bits of Grace Morning Coffee

December 14 – Grace Christmas Tea

December 18 – Wrap books for Pauingassi kids after church.

December 21 – Longest Night Worship

December 22 – Senior's Coffee

December 24 – Christmas Eve Worship

December 25 – Sunday Morning Worship



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 date for Children's Church is December 11.**

Young Adult retreat on Jan 14th for young adults aged 18-28.
Please RSVP with Kyle.

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

This Week at Grace ✨ December 5 - 9

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| Monday | Soup's On - Lunch Program, 9:00 am Private Rental , 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, sanctuary |
| Tuesday | Private Rental , 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, sanctuary Soup's On - Dine in lower auditorium, 5:00 – 6:15 pm |
| Wednesday | Private Rental , 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, sanctuary & basement Little Bits of Grace , 10:00 am to 12 noon in church foyer Stories with Seniors , 10:00 am – ZOOM https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8984736540 Middle School Youth Christmas Potluck , 7:00 – 8:30 pm in the foyer Sanctuary Reserved , 7:00 – 9:00 pm |
| Thursday | Private Rental , 9:00 am – 9:00 pm, sanctuary & basement High School Youth , Musical at SRSS |
| Friday | Sanctuary reserved , 2:00 – 3:00 pm Soup's On - Dine in lower auditorium, 5:00 – 6:15 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
- dropping your donation off in the lobby after church or to the office (Tue-Fri from 9.00 am – 1.00 PM)

The church offices will be closed Tuesday, December 27th and Wednesday, December 28th. In an emergency please call Mel or Kyle.

Pastor: **Mel Letkeman**

Associate Pastor: **Kyle Penner**

Administrative Office

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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

