



# Grace Mennonite Church

February 19, 2023

## Order of Worship

Welcome and Life of the Congregation

***Let's Walk Together*** VT 6

Call to Worship

***Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*** VT 98

[Matthew 13:24-43](#)

Time with the Children

*Children ages 3 to Grade 8 may leave for Children's Church.*

Breath Prayer

***On Silken, Soft Wings*** VT 676

Weeds and Wheat Together

***We Plow the Fields and Scatter*** VT 747

Congregational Prayer & Offertory

***Guide My Feet*** VT 816

Benediction

# Sunday, February 19

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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.

**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.

**9:00 am - Sisters of Grace** meet 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.

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

Worship Speaker	Mel Letkeman
Worship Leader	Tara Klassen
Musicians	Ron Dick, Shara Dueck, David Graham, Leroy Penner, Laurie Wiens
Children’s Time	Mel Letkeman
Scripture Readers	Kate Hiebert, Arianna Penner, Zach Penner, Jude Toews
Technicians	Joe Dueck, Chris Peters
Ushers	Doug Kathler, Sarah Neufeld
Coffee Servers	Ken Fehr, Marigold Peters

**Sunday, February 26**  
**First Sunday of Lent**  
[Matthew 18:21-35](#)

*Which is easier: To forgive someone 77 times? Or 490 times?*

We are pleased to announce that **Nina Pauls** has accepted the Administrative Assistant position and will be starting February 21, 2023. As you have the opportunity, we invite you to join us in giving Nina a warm welcome as she embarks on her new role in the church office. Let’s also pray that God will use Nina to help us flourish in the fulfillment of our mission for God’s glory.  
*Personnel Commission*

# We Pray Together

## **Pray for our congregation:**

Pray for **Virginia Fast**. She is receiving palliative care at home.

We pray for those dealing with ongoing medical concerns – **Regon Barkman, Gord Bartel, Vi Brown, Raelyn Dick, Laurie Kroeker, Matt Rogalsky**

**Prayer for the week:** Lord, as we judge, give us wisdom not to condemn.

**Pray for our world:** Pray for those struggling with the pain and work brought on by the earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

**Shirley Joy** from our church family passed away on February 14<sup>th</sup>. A private gathering is planned in Shirley's memory. May God's love and strength be with Shirley's family and friends as they remember her life.



## **Are you interested in creating or joining a group for the purpose of hosting and assisting a Ukrainian family in their Steinbach?**

Here is what hosting a family looks like:

Befriending the family. Providing rides (at least initially) to appointments, work, stores, etc. Donating and/or gathering donated furniture, household items, clothes, groceries, etc. Helping to move donated furniture, etc. Helping them to get on their feet in Canada by providing financial assistance, either through one-time donations or monthly donations. If you are intrigued by the idea of extending kindness to a Ukrainian family, please contact Curt Penner for further information. 204 371-0583 or [clpenner58@gmail.com](mailto:clpenner58@gmail.com).

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

- ♦ Camps With Meaning – camp registration and staffing opportunities
- ♦ New Blood Theatre - February 19 in Winnipeg. See poster for ticket information. This event is brought to you by MCM, MCC MB, and MCIS (Mennonite Coalition for Indigenous Solidarity)
- ♦ Steinbach Youth for Christ Annual Fundraising Dinner – March 2
- ♦ HavenGroup Foundation's Annual Perogy Fundraiser – March 3
- ♦ Steve Bell, Kathy Giesbrecht - Guests at fundraising event in Winnipeg in support of the ministry of Jamie & Kim Arpin-Ricci – March 17
- ♦ Pier 21 Musical, Mennonite Heritage Village – March 18 & 19
- ♦ MCM, MCC, CMU, AMBS, MDS
- ♦ Other organizations

## This Week at Grace ❖ February 20 - 24

English Classes (middle level, lower level classrooms) and Childcare (nursery & overflow) are in session various mornings and evenings Monday - Thursday.	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Soup's On - Lunch Program, 9:00 am Soup's On - Dine in lower auditorium, 5:00 – 6:15 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> - We will be in the sanctuary at 7:30 am, 12:15 pm, and 7:00 pm for a 20 minute liturgy and receiving of ashes. See announcement below. <b>Middle School Youth</b> , 7:00 – 8:30 pm at church The usual shenanigans. But this time involving fire.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Senior's Coffee</b> , 2:30 pm – Coffee provided All who consider themselves seniors are welcome. <b>High School Youth</b> , 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm at church Parables, Poets, and Prayers
<b>Friday</b>	Soup's On - Dine in lower auditorium, 5:00 – 6:15 pm

**Ash Wednesday** is the beginning of the Christian season of Lent. It is a day set aside for us to remember our mortality and to remind us that life is full of meaning despite its brevity. Join us on Wednesday, February 22 at 7:30 am, 12:15 pm, or 7:00 pm for a short time of reflection, singing, and receiving ashes.



**Little Bits of Grace** - If you are a caregiver of young children, we'd love to hang out with you. Join us from 10 am – 12 noon, the first Wednesday of each month at church for coffee, snacks and a time of encouraging each other. Dates: March 1, April 5, May 3.

*Tamara and Mark Rempel, Elsie Kroeker, Elsie Kathler*

**Church Camp - March 10 – 12 at Camp Assiniboia** ❖ All are invited!

There is an info sheet in your church mailbox.

Please RSVP with Tamara Rempel [p\\_tamara@hotmail.com](mailto:p_tamara@hotmail.com) 204 371 9872

**Save the Date for Ladies Retreat at Grace** ❖ **April 14-15**, details to follow

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