



Grace Mennonite Church

February 5, 2023

Order of Worship

I Sing the Mighty Power of God VT 182

Welcome and Life of the Congregation

Call to Worship

We Dream of a Turning VT 209

How Great Thou Art VT 436

Contemplative Prayer

Time with the Children

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

Sing a New World into Being VT 809

Congregational Prayer & Offertory

[Matthew 7:13-14, 24-29](#)

Funeral Sermons, Kin-dom, and
Grace Mennonite's Greatest Hits (for 3 months)

Seek Ye First VT 417

Benediction

Sunday, February 5

Pastors Mel Letkeman & Kyle Penner
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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. **Children's Church will be held every Sunday.**

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.

11:00 am – Adult Formation

The Kingdom of God, the Cross, & Funerals.

After worship, let's gather to talk about what we talk about at funerals. (aka: What's the point of life and faith?)



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

Worship Speaker	Kyle Penner
Worship Leader	Brenda Penner
Musicians	Gary Bergman, Rose Dupuis, Adrielle Jodoin
Accompanist	Scott Jodoin
Children's Time	Kyle Penner, Paxton Wiebe
Technicians	Bruce Blatz, Chris Peters
Ushers	Kurt Barz, Shannon Gerbrandt
Coffee Servers	Kurt & Pearl Barz

Sunday, February 12

Speaker: Dennis Hiebert

[Mark 6:30-44](#)

Reflect on generosity and community in light of this story.

We Pray Together

Our congregation: Pray for **Virginia Fast**. She is receiving palliative care surrounded by family and friends.

We pray for those in Care Homes: **Marie Dyck, Shirley Joy, Linda Martens and Christina Putz.**

Prayer for the week: Help us to seek the kin-dom of God.

Prayer for our world: We pray for an end to the war in Ukraine.



Job Opportunity: Part Time Administrative Assistant.

Application Deadline **February 6th, 2023.**

The administrative assistant provides administrative support to the church office. The successful applicant must have excellent computer skills and be proficient with Microsoft Office Suite. This position requires an individual who enjoys working with people, has excellent organizational, written and oral communication skills. If you are interested in learning more about this position, please contact Betty Shore at 204-346-2898 or email bettyshore0@gmail.com

FOOD ALLERGIES

We at Grace Mennonite recognize that food provides fellowship opportunities and is a part of our programs and activities at church. Please inform us of food allergies so that to the best of our ability, we can take reasonable measures to do our part to prevent food allergic reactions.

Please notify the church office if you or someone in your family has food allergies that cause allergic reaction symptoms, especially those that are life threatening. At this time, Grace is not a “nut aware” zone. (Nut aware means we can’t guarantee that children or adults have not brought nuts or traces of nuts into the building.)

See the foyer bulletin board for information regarding:

- ♦ 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
- ♦ MEDazine
- ♦ MCM, MCC, CMU, AMBS
- ♦ Other organizations

This Week at Grace ❖ February 6 - 10

English Classes (middle level, lower level classrooms) and Childcare (nursery & overflow) are in session various mornings and evenings Monday - Thursday.	
Monday	Soup's On - Lunch Program, 9:00 am
Tuesday	Soup's On - Dine in lower auditorium, 5:00 – 6:15 pm
Wednesday	Middle School Youth , 7:00 – 8:30 pm in the foyer Delightful Jesus, with a Sprinkling of Chaos
Thursday	Stories with Seniors , 2:30 pm in the foyer See announcement below. High School Youth , 5:50 – 10:00 pm ❖ Escape Room Cost: \$20/person, plus McD's – Pay what you can. Please RSVP with Kyle.
Friday	Soup's On - Dine in lower auditorium, 5:00 – 6:15 pm

Stories with Seniors, Thursday, Feb 9th, 2:30 p.m. If you consider yourself a senior, come and enjoy discussions about Biblical Stories. We'll be using Stories from Matthew to begin. If you want to read ahead in preparation, this Thursday the text will be Matthew 4:1-11. We'll look forwards to an enjoyable time together...Mel

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 204 371 9872

The **Mennonite Church Manitoba Gathering** is being held March 3-4, 2023 at the Douglas Mennonite Church in Winnipeg. **If you are interested in being a delegate**, please contact the Grace church office by February 14th. Check the Mennonite Church Manitoba website for more details.

Save the Date, Thursday, March 16 at 7 pm Steinbach Mennonite Church Women would like to invite Grace Mennonite Church women to an evening with MaryLou Driedger as she speaks about her recently published books.

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

Matthew 7:13-14, 21-29 (The Message)

13-14 “Don’t look for shortcuts to God. The market is flooded with surefire, easygoing formulas for a successful life that can be practiced in your spare time. Don’t fall for that stuff, even though crowds of people do. The way to life—to God!—is vigorous and requires total attention.

21-23 “Knowing the correct password—saying ‘Master, Master,’ for instance—isn’t going to get you anywhere with me. What is required is serious obedience—*doing* what my Father wills. I can see it now—at the Final Judgment thousands strutting up to me and saying, ‘Master, we preached the Message, we bashed the demons, our super-spiritual projects had everyone talking.’ And do you know what I am going to say? ‘You missed the boat. All you did was use me to make yourselves important. You don’t impress me one bit. You’re out of here.’

24-25 “These words I speak to you are not incidental additions to your life, homeowner improvements to your standard of living. They are foundational words, words to build a life on. If you work these words into your life, you are like a smart carpenter who built his house on solid rock. Rain poured down, the river flooded, a tornado hit—but nothing moved that house. It was fixed to the rock.

26-27 “But if you just use my words in Bible studies and don’t work them into your life, you are like a stupid carpenter who built his house on the sandy beach. When a storm rolled in and the waves came up, it collapsed like a house of cards.”

28-29 When Jesus concluded his address, the crowd burst into applause. They had never heard teaching like this. It was apparent that he was living everything he was saying—quite a contrast to their religion teachers! This was the best teaching they had ever heard.

The Kin-dom of God

By Donald Kraybill

- ❖ We are the folks who engage in conspicuous sharing.
- ❖ Our faith wags our pocketbooks.
- ❖ We give without expecting a return.
- ❖ We forgive liberally as God forgave us.
- ❖ We overlook signs of stigma hanging on the unlovely.
- ❖ Genuine compassion for the poor and destitute moves us.
- ❖ We look and move down the ladder.
- ❖ We don't take our religious structures too seriously because we know that Jesus is Lord... of religious custom.
- ❖ We serve rather than dominate.
- ❖ We invite rather than coerce.
- ❖ Love replaces hate among us.
- ❖ Shalom overcomes revenge.
- ❖ We share power, love assertively, make peace.
- ❖ We flatten hierarchies and behave like children.
- ❖ Servant structures replace rigid hierarchies.
- ❖ We join in a common life for worship and support.
- ❖ Here we discern the times and the issues.
- ❖ In the common life, we discover the Spirit's direction for our individual and corporate ministries.