# Grace Mennonite Church

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# Order of Service

Welcome & Life of the Congregation

#### Here in This Place VT #10

Call to Worship

#### 10,000 Reasons VT #111

Mountain of God VT #11

### Luke 14:15-23

Stories of Faithfulness Mark & Tam Rempel

#### How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings

David Klassen & Annalee Schellenberg

Stories of Faithfulness Elbert Toews

Children's Feature (Children ages 3 through grade 4 may leave for Children's Church)

> Stories of Faithfulness Marigold Peters

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

**Congregational Prayer** 

Stories of Faithfulness Werner & Karen Pries

#### Jesus, Be the Center VT #584

Isaiah 58:9-11

Beefsteak Tomatoes, The Other RR, & Solar Eclipses

All The Diamonds Scott Jodoin & Rose Dupuis

Prayer of Blessing

### Praise God VT#70

Benediction

# Sunday, November 26, 2023

**9:00 am - Sisters of Grace** – all women are invited to a time of reading, sharing and prayer together.

### 10:00 am – Worship Service

Livestream will be available between 10-11 am. Audio recording can be accessed on the church website after the service.

**Children's Church** for ages 3 to Grade 4 will be held during the service. You may pick up your children following the worship service from the upper level classrooms.

Please join us for lunch downstairs immediately after the service to celebrate **Mel's Retirement**.

Worship Leader	Kyle Penner
Ushers	Doug Kathler, Sarah Neufeld
Musicians	Cindy Blatz, Loretta Friesen, Karen Pries
Children's Church	Stephanie Allen, Alisa Harder
	Marian Hiebert, Arianna Penner
Technicians	Matt Boese, John Mahi

# We Pray Together

**Prayer for the week**: God, help our hearts to beat more and more in tune with yours.

### Prayer for the world:

We give thanks for the small steps of a temporary ceasefire in Israel/Gaza. Please help us learn to solve our conflicts without killing each other.

We give thanks for the resolution to the EA strike in Hanover School Division.

### **Prayer shawls**

The entire congregation is invited to participate in the prayer shawl ministry, whether in making the shawls or contributing yarn.

Soft yarn is preferred, fringes are nice for the shawls, except for lap shawls, they could get caught up in the wheelchair wheels. We suggest a good size is 16" x 50-60". Knit & crochet pattern books are on the shelf of the far wall, in the library Completed shawls can be placed on the library counter.

Thanks for being a blessing to some person who will be greatly blessed by your gift. Vi Brown & Trudi Graham

# This Week at Grace \* Nov 27 – Dec 1

Monday	Soup's On - Lunch Program preparation @ 9 am
Tuesday	Soup's On - Dine in lower auditorium, 5-6:15 pm
Wednesday	Sanctuary is reserved during the day
Thursday	Sanctuary is reserved during the day.
	High School Youth – Movie night at church. 7:30 – 9:30 pm
Friday	Soup's On - Dine in lower auditorium, 5-6:15 pm

# **Upcoming Events**

### Rice Drive for S.E.H.H. - November 2023 – 5 more days!

If you would like to support our local food bank, there are several ways to offer assistance:



- monetary donations this money will be used to purchase rice in bulk. Please add the "Rice Drive" in your memo on cheques or etransfers
  - volunteer Contact Ken Dyck <u>kenbarbd@gmail.com</u>
  - rice donation

We are providing the worship service at Cedarwood on **December 3<sup>rd</sup>**, 9:30-10 am. If you are available to sing with the group, or can play an instrument, meet us there. Your presence will be warmly welcomed.



## **December 14<sup>th</sup> – Steve Bell Concert** at Grace Mennonite at 7:30 pm.

Tickets are available:

- Online at https://stevebell.com/event/steinbach-mb-solo-concert-2/
- Or by phone 1 (800) 854-3499
- at the Grace Church office. (Cheques payable to Signpost Music.)

## Christmas is coming! And so is Advent Worship!

This year, starting on Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>, we want to include children who would like to be part of it. So, children, tell your parents if you'd be interested in playing some piano, saying a poem, reading or memorizing scripture as part of Sunday morning worship. Parents, ask your children if they'd like to participate in that way during the four Sundays of Advent. Then, let me know if you're interested. Thanks... **Mel** 



Everyone is invited to attend the *Grace Christmas Tea* 

Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Grace Mennonite Church 6:30 pm ∻ Punch 7:00 pm ∻ Program

Please RSVP by December 4<sup>th</sup> to <u>nina@gracesteinbach.ca</u> or call (204) 326-3707 to reserve a seat (Space is limited to 75 people)

If you are able, please bring a plate of sweet or savoury goodies to share with everyone.

Hosted by Sisters of Grace





#### Giving to Grace Mennonite Church

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