



Grace Mennonite Church

January 7, 2024

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Order of Service

Welcome, Life of the Congregation & Land Acknowledgement

Let's Walk Together VT #6

Call to Worship

Jesus, Be the Centre VT #584

In Christ There Is No East or West VT #390

Be Still Prayer

Christ Has No Body Here but Ours VT #568

Children's Feature

[Mark 2:1-22](#)

Wine, Wisdom, and the Kin'dom

There's a Wild Hope in the Wind VT #828

Congregational Prayer & Offertory

The Lord Lift You Up VT # 832

Benediction

Sunday January 7th, 2024

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.

All are welcome to join us for coffee following the service.

Worship Leader	Andrea Dick
Worship Speaker	Patrick Friesen
Ushers	Andrew Unger, Erin Unger
Musicians	Cathy Barkman, James Barkman Pearl Barz, Annalee Schellenberg
Children’s Feature	Marigold Peters
Technicians	Bruce Blatz, Chris Peters
Coffee Servers	Ken Giesbrecht, LillyAnne Giesbrecht

Children’s Church will resume on January 14th, 2024.

We Pray Together

Pray for **Arthur & Laurie Wiens** and their family as Laurie continues receiving cancer treatments.

Prayer for the week: At the beginning of this year, Lord, we pray that you help us to trust you and to hold on to the hope you have brought into our lives.

Prayer for the world: Lord, there is so much suffering in our world! We pray that we may speak peace to power, replace cruelty with justice, bring redemption to the ensnared, and give life to the overburdened.

Our condolences go out to **Teresa & Gerald Banman** on the recent passing of Teresa’s only sister Donna Mesman. Donna was an aunt to **Lindsey Banman & Matthew Penner**, and a proud great-aunt to **Norah**.

Donna’s obituary may be viewed here on the [Crope Funeral Chapel](#) website. A funeral mass will be held at Holy Ghost Polish Catholic Church at 342 Pritchard Avenue, Winnipeg on Monday, January 15th, 2024 at 10:00 am.

This Week at Grace ❖ January 8th – 12th, 2024

Monday	Soup's On – Lunch Program preparation @ 9 am
Tuesday	Soup's On – Dining in the lower auditorium, 5 – 6:15pm
Thursday	Senior's Coffee @ 2:30 pm in the foyer Music Practice – 7:30 pm, sanctuary is reserved
Friday	Soup's On – Dining in the lower auditorium, 5 – 6:15pm

Kathy Koop's interim ministry has now started and church council plans to intentionally use this use this time to engage the entire church in discussion about the future of Grace Mennonite Church, including our own sense of God & spirituality, our church's priorities, pastoral job descriptions, our strengths and growth areas, and the structures that support the work we do. As such, we are working with Credence and Co. to design a process to help us to discern who God is calling us to be here at Grace. We're anticipating this work starting shortly after our AGM on Jan 28, 2024. When we are finished the process, we are expecting it to lead us into forming a search committee for our new pastor. We will have more info later in January, and will keep you updated as best we can.

If you have any questions, please feel free to be in touch with Church Council.

Upcoming Events

January 13th - The church has booked the ENTIRE POOL for swimming from 6pm-7:30pm. If you would like to join in the fun, cost is \$10/person.

January 14th - We will be officially celebrating **Kathy Koop's Installation Service** here at Grace. Please come and join in welcoming her here!

January 20th - We are having our next **Men's Breakfast** get-together at 9am in the basement of the church. Come and enjoy some good food and fellowship. Come and see what the cooking crew is going to surprise us with for a great meal. Cost will be approx. \$5.00 to cover the cost of groceries. There is a sign-up sheet on the coffee bar counter. Any questions, contact Kurt Barz.

January 21st - Young Adult Prayer Retreat - If you're between the ages of 18 and 28, join us for a prayer retreat at a rustic wood-stove heated cabin in the woods. We'll leave after church, have lunch there together, and pray until supper. Please RSVP with Kyle.

January 27th - Ladies Breakfast is happening once again at Grace. Please join us in the basement @ 9 am. The cost will be \$5.
All women are welcome!
A sign up sheet is on the coffee bar.
If you have any questions, please reach out to Kiran Mahi.

January 28th – Grace Annual General Meeting after church.
Plan to stay for lunch and the meeting.



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Our interim pastor, Kathy Koop, has arrived! She will be our pastor for the next 12 months. We have hired her to work 0.8 FTE (full-time equivalent), and she will be driving in from Winnipeg.
She will be in the office Tuesdays and Thursdays, and will be working from home on Wednesdays. She will be taking Mondays and Fridays off. You can reach her via email at kathy@gracesteinbach.ca, or at (204) 794-5554 when she's working from home.
If you have any questions, feel free to be in touch with Church Council.

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