



# Grace Mennonite Church

February 11<sup>th</sup> 2024

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## Order of Service

Welcome and Life of the Congregation

Land Acknowledgement

**Mountain of God VT #11**

Call to Worship

**Breathe on Me, Breath of God VT #737**

**Be Thou My Vision VT #549**

Welcoming Prayer

**Children's Feature**

(Children ages 3 to grade 8 may leave for Children's Church  
Middle School Youth may leave for Breakfast @ James's)

[Mark 8:27-38](#)

***It's Just My Cross to Bear***

**Beautiful Things VT #551**

Congregational Prayer & Offering

**Fill Us with Your Feast VT #309**

Benediction

## Sunday February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### 9:00 am - Sisters of Grace

All women are invited to a time of reading, sharing, and prayer together. 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.

### 10:00 am – Worship Service

Children's Church for ages 3 to Grade 8 will be held during the service. You may pick up your children ages 3 to Grade 4 following the worship service from the upper level classrooms. Grades 5-8 will be going for Breakfast at James's! They'll leave after the Time with the Children, and walk to James's (199 Kroeker). Parents may either pick up your children there after worship, or they'll arrive back at church around 11:30 am.

Livestream will be available between 10-11 am.

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

**All are welcome to continue fellowship over coffee in the foyer.**

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| Worship Leader     | John Mahi                                                                                   |
| Worship Speaker    | Kathy Koop                                                                                  |
| Ushers             | Andrew Unger, Erin Unger                                                                    |
| Musicians          | Gary Bergman, Rose Dupuis<br>Scott Jodoin, Harv Lane, Karen Toews                           |
| Children's Feature | Kathy Koop                                                                                  |
| Children's Church  | Stephanie Allen, James Barkman, Alisa Harder<br>Anika Klassen, Arianna Penner, Jason Rempel |
| Technicians        | Bruce Blatz, Matt Boese                                                                     |
| Coffee Servers     | Trudi Graham, Leni Schroeder                                                                |

## We Pray Together

We pray for our International Workers: **Daniel & Damaris Loewen-Rudgers.**

**Prayer for the Week:** Jesus Christ, you are inviting us to follow you. And so, we pray for courage and faith in our hearts that we may take up the cross and find it leads to life.

**Prayer for the World:** We pray for a world that needs to know your love, your hope, your peace, your joy and salvation.

We pray for the high school youth coming back today from a weekend retreat at Camp Assiniboia.

Please pray for **Sarah Neufeld** and her family. Sarah suffered a stroke on Monday. She is currently in Bethesda Hospital.

Our condolences to **Rhonda & Tony Wolfe** and their children Megan & Ashlyn on the recent passing of Rhonda’s mother Martha (Hiebert) Reimer. The funeral was held on Wednesday February 7<sup>th</sup> at Birchwood.

Our condolences to **Kyle & Holly Sobering** and their children Liam & Morgan on the recent passing of Kyle’s mother Dorothy Sobering.

**This Week at Grace ❖ Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

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| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>Soup’s On</b> – Lunch Program preparation @ 9 am                                                                   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>Soup’s On</b> – Dining in the lower auditorium, 5 – 6:15pm                                                         |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>Middle School Youth</b> – 7 – 8:30 pm – Ash Wednesday prayers and games.<br><b>Ash Wednesday</b> – 7:30 pm Service |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>High School Youth</b> – 7:30 – Make cookies for Soup’s On                                                          |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>Soup’s On</b> – Dining in the lower auditorium, 5 – 6:15pm                                                         |

**Upcoming Events**

**Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Please read [Mark 10:17-31](#)

If Jesus told you to sell everything you have and give it to the poor,  
what would you do?

CMU’s **Xplore program** offers courses for anyone interested in investigating dimensions of the Christian faith, our world, and life in it. All without any assignments or examinations!

The Winter 2024 Xplore program will come to you in person and online, making courses available broadly across Canada and beyond.

**CMU’s Xplore** begins February 20<sup>th</sup> with courses on the life and work of Walter Brueggemann, the Bible and the war in Gaza, and more. Find course descriptions, tuition, and registration information at <https://www.cmu.ca/community/xplore>

You’re invited to Grace Church Camp! **March 1-3** at Camp Assiniboia. \$150/adult, and kids 0-17 are free!

“Saturday only” day trippers are welcome too! There’s info in your mailboxes (with some extras in the back for those without mailboxes). Talk to Kyle Penner, Tamara Rempel, Shara Dueck or Kristy Rempel for more info.

The MC Manitoba Gathering 2024 under the theme “From Every Nation: Living into an Intercultural Church” is taking place on March 2 at the Emmanuel Mennonite Church in Winkler. If you are interested in receiving more information or if you would like to attend as a delegate or visitor, please contact Brenda Penner or Kathy Koop.

**Save the dates!** Pauingassi Family Camp is **July 8-13!**

If you're interested in helping us “bring Disney to Pauingassi”, let Kyle know!

Worship committee is looking for music students to be part of a regular rotation of offertory players, if this interests you please connect with Emmy Friesen, or any other member of the committee.

## Welcoming Prayer

Welcome, welcome, welcome.

I welcome everything that comes to me today  
because I know it's for my healing.

I welcome all thoughts, feelings, emotions, persons,  
situations, and conditions.

I let go of my desire for power and control.

I let go of my desire for affection, esteem, approval, and pleasure.

I let go of my desire for survival and security.

I let go of my desire to change any situation,  
condition, person, or myself.

I open to the love and presence of God  
and God's action within. Amen

### Giving to Grace Mennonite Church

To support Grace, point your smartphone camera at this  
QR code or visit: [gracesteinbach.ca/donation/](https://gracesteinbach.ca/donation/)



2023 Charitable Tax Donation receipts will be placed in your church mailboxes by  
February 28, 2024.

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|-----------------|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
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Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm  
[www.gracesteinbach.ca](https://www.gracesteinbach.ca)



Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 14), is the 40-day (plus Sundays) season before the celebration of Easter. Lent invites us to step aside from the pressuring demands of our every-day lives and to reflect on the relationship between us and God, the relationships between people, and the relationship between people and the rest of creation.

The season of Lent is often associated with the spiritual practice of fasting, giving up something that could come between you and God. You might try this, or another spiritual practice that helps you to renew the relationship between you and God. Here are a few ideas of ways to journey through the season of Lent, which begins this year with Ash Wednesday on February 14 and ends with Easter on March 31.

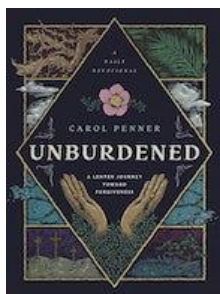
Here are some suggestions:

Common Prayer, a liturgy for ordinary radicals, is daily prayer you can follow for the season of Lent or year-round.

<https://commonprayer.net/>

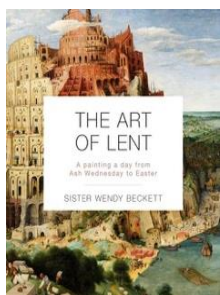
Pray as you go is a prayerful, musical, scriptural podcast from the Jesuits. It's about 15 minutes long and can set your day in the right space any time of year, including Lent. (Available at

<https://pray-as-you-go.org/home/> or as an app on your phone)



**Unburdened. A Lenten Journey toward Forgiveness.** This book by Carol Penner that invites us to hear God's call to move away from brokenness into the healing and hope of the resurrection. Through prayers, scripture reflections, and stories about individuals and communities, be encouraged to take small steps toward the freedom found in forgiveness.

(Available at <https://www.commonword.ca/Home> or at Amazon.ca)



**The Art of Lent: A Painting a Day from Ash Wednesday to Easter.** In this book Wendy Beckett describes and interprets a series of forty full-color paintings for each day of Lent. Artists often address subjects that our culture seeks to avoid, and the brilliant and perceptive reflections from nun and art historian Sister Wendy Beckett will help you to read these paintings with a more

discerning eye and encounter deeper levels of spiritual meaning than may at first appear. (Available at

<https://www.commonword.ca/Home> or at Amazon.ca)

Mennonite Spiritual Directors of Eastern Canada invite any groups or individuals to participate in a Lenten Guided Prayer Experience. This year's theme is *Hungering for Hope*. Registration is available on the CommonWord website at

<https://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/82/23822>

The social justice publication Sojourners once created this 40 ways to live simply for 40 days of Lent. You will find it at

<https://sojo.net/articles/lenten-reflections/40-ways-live-simply-40-days-lent>

Living Lent Daily is a daily email prayer break with Scripture and related reflections, with suggestions for further exploration. Living Lent Daily is based on Sacred Space – the trusted online prayer site by the Irish Jesuits. <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/lent/living-lent-daily/>