



Grace Mennonite Church

February 4th 2024

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Order of Service

Welcome and Life of the Congregation

Land Acknowledgement

As We Rise, O God, to Meet You VT #39

Call to Worship

All Who Are Thirsty VT #49

Gravity of Love VT #494

Welcoming Prayer

Children's Feature

(Children ages 3 to grade 8 may leave for Children's Church)

[Mark 6:1-29](#)

***Lamentation and Hope: Hearing the prophets
in a time of climate crisis***

My Soul Cries Out VT #412

Congregational Prayer & Offering

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

Benediction

Josiah Neufeld is part of the MCM Climate Action Working Group, and author of *The Temple at the End of the Universe: A Search for Spirituality in the Anthropocene*.

Sunday February 4th, 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. 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.

11:15 am – Adult Formation

After worship, join us for Formation, where Josiah Neufeld will introduce to us an upcoming resolution about the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty www.fossilfuel treaty.org at Mennonite Church Manitoba’s Annual Delegate Session.

Worship Leader	Patrick Friesen
Worship Speaker	Josiah Neufeld
Ushers	Audrey Brandt, Bernie Brandt
Musicians	Cindy Blatz, Loretta Friesen, David Graham, Scott Jodoin
Children’s Feature	Kathy Koop
Children’s Church	Sarah Barkman, Olivia Dupont, Curtis Krahn Kyle Penner, Tom Wiebe
Technicians	Matt Boese, Joe Dueck
Coffee Servers	Andrew Unger, Erin Unger

We Pray Together

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

Prayer for the Week: May our awe and wonder for creation draw us closer to the natural world, and through it to the God of all things.

Prayer for the World: Creator God, may all people on earth feel the warmth of your presence like the gentle sun that thaws and brings hope for newness.

Raelyn Dick and her family received very exciting news this week, as her kidney match has passed all of the workup tests! The next step will be booking a surgery date, which will likely be in May. Thank you so much for all your thoughts and prayers!

This Week at Grace ❖ Feb. 5th – 10th, 2024

Monday	Soup's On – Lunch Program preparation @ 9 am
Tuesday	Soup's On – Dining in the lower auditorium, 5 – 6:15pm
Wednesday	LBOG – 10 am – noon in the foyer
Thursday	Senior's Coffee – 2:30 pm in the foyer. No Youth tonight – Feb 9 – 11 Youth Retreat! Talk to Kyle for more info.
Friday	Soup's On – Dining in the lower auditorium, 5 – 6:15pm

We ask that you please consider refraining from wearing strongly scented personal products at Grace. There are some people who suffer with a sensitivity to scented products around them and would appreciate this.

Thank you ❖ Grace Church Council

Upcoming Events

Little Bits of Grace - If you are a parent or caregiver of young children, we'd love to hang out with you and your kiddos. Join us from 10 am – 12 noon, on **February 7th** at church. You'll find a place to talk, listen, commiserate, and encourage. As a bonus, we also provide other adults, coffee and snacks!

Sunday, February 11th, 2024

Please read [Mark 8:27-38](#)

How might we respond to Jesus' call to deny ourselves
and take up our cross and follow Jesus.

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 20th with courses on the life and work of Walter Brueggemann, the Bible and the war in Gaza, and more. Find courses descriptions, tuition, and registration information at

<https://www.cmu.ca/community/xplore>

Gift Card Exchange Balance as at February 2, 2024 is \$ 475

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!

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

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