

Coming Up This Week

Sunday, Dec 26 at 11:00 am: NPMC Worship on Livestream

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NPMC Staff Office Hours this week:

Susanne will be on holidays from Dec 26- Jan 1

Gwen will be away from the office Dec 27- Jan 3.

Patrick will be away from the office but will be the pastoral contact person. He will respond to calls and emails regularly and pick up mail most days.

Luke 2: 1-20

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!' When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.



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**Gathered to Worship on Treaty 6 Territory
December 26, 2021 at 11:00 am**

In-Person and Live Stream Worship Service

Worship Leader: Patrick Preheim

Accompanist: Fern Stockdale Winder

Song Leader: Lynn Driedger

Ushers: Eric Neufeld and Evelyn Roden

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Hymn Joy to the World VT #240 / HWB #318

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Hymn Love Has Come VT #258

Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Special Music Love Came down at Christmas Brass Ensemble

Scripture Luke 2: 1-20

Hymn Go Tell it on the Mountain VT #252

Sermon Baby Christ in Community Patrick

Hymn O du fröhliche VT #254 / HWB #209

Benediction

Postlude

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*Nutana Park Mennonite Church welcomes into fellowship and membership all persons who confess faith in Jesus Christ, without regard to their race, ethnic background, gender, age, sexual orientation, income, education, ability, and other factors that give rise to discrimination and marginalization.*

## Announcements

The "NPMC Year in Review" slideshow has been posted on the private side of our website under the CHURCH LIFE page with a tab titled NPMC COFFEEHOUSE 2021. The Sunday School Nativity has also been posted here as well as on the Kid's Page. Patrick's reflections are in the sermon section.

Marlene and Denelda would like to thank everyone who attended one of the CHRISTMAS COFFEEHOUSES. We were pleased to share our vision of community with so many people. We would also like to thank all of the performers for the time and effort they put into sharing their talents with all those in attendance and we applaud the young families for the amazing presentation of the nativity. It takes many people to produce any kind of show and so we would also like to extend our thanks to Dave Wieler-Thiessen for all his work on splicing together parent's submission for the nativity video, in addition to working the AV station for both the afternoon and evening performances, Marlie, Susanne, Bonnie, Tammy and Lori for orchestrating the Sunday School virtual pageant, Kathy Peters for her beautiful ambiance music as well as accompanying carol singing, Jeff for printing the invitation and table programs and Hedio, Anita, Ken, Bonnie R. Ag, Renata and Edith for their peppernut baking skills! A thanks to Denelda for holding it all together. A big thank you to everyone who stayed after church to help move the pews out and tables and chairs in and then those who stayed following the evening COFFEEHOUSE to move tables and chairs out. And finally, thank you to the Ens-Funk and Stockdale-Winder families, Bob and Patrick for volunteering to move the pews back into the sanctuary on Wednesday evening. MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OF US (and stay safe)!!

The Adult Education Committee of NPMC is planning a short, informational series in February on Saskatchewan's Income Support system. Recent changes to how government assistance to the most vulnerable people is given and how much is provided have raised many questions. If you have experience and expertise that you would like to share with our congregation, or know of someone who could help us understand the issues, please contact Edna Froese – [ednafroese@gmail.com](mailto:ednafroese@gmail.com) or 306-374-2668, or any of our committee members (Paul Schroeder, Rachel Regier, Lori Weiler-Thiessen, Susanne Guenther Loewen).

A Very Shekinah Christmas will happen online, starting on December 23, 2021. While you are waiting, we are bringing back last year's Shekinah 12 Days of Christmas (because it's environmentally friendly to reuse) as well as updates on 2021 and a look ahead to 2022. Head over to: <https://shekinah.ca/events/2021/a-very-shekinah-christmas-2021> to watch things unfold.

**Forest Church January 2, 2022** 3:00 pm - Dress warm and head out to **Shekinah** and gather around the fire before going for a walk together to introduce the **forest church** theme for the coming year. All are welcome!

**Sunday, January 9, 2022, Paul Matheson will be installed as pastor of First Mennonite Church.** For our internal purposes, he will be licensed for specific ministry and we will acknowledge his ordination credential with the Baptist Church. Well wishes may be sent to Ryan at [minister@mcsask.ca](mailto:minister@mcsask.ca)

**January 7 & 8, 2022: RJC Tournament of Memories (Basketball & Hockey)** - Alumni & friends of RJC are invited to our annual basketball & hockey tournament. Basketball will take place on Friday, January 7 and Saturday, January 8. Those interested in basketball should register by Dec. 28 by email to Denelda Fast ([deneldafast@hotmail.com](mailto:deneldafast@hotmail.com)). Hockey will take place only on Saturday, January 8. Those interested in hockey are encouraged to contact Paul Ayres ([paul.ayres@hotmail.com](mailto:paul.ayres@hotmail.com)). Questions for the school can be directed to (306) 232-4222.

**January 21, 2022: RJC Open House & Friday Night Live** - Prospective students and families are invited to the RJC campus for a look into life as a student at RJC. There will be campus tours and RJC's annual Friday Night Live student coffee-house. Register by email to [admissions@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:admissions@rjc.sk.ca) or call (306) 232-4222.

**MC Sask Council is pleased to announce the hiring of Josh Wallace as Interim Executive Minister for Mennonite Church Saskatchewan.** Josh has served MC Sask as Church Engagement Minister since 2020, providing leadership and wisdom in the areas of visioning and mission, and Council is grateful for his willingness to increase his role during this time of transition. Josh will begin his .6 FTE position on January 1, 2022, allowing for overlap time with outgoing Executive Minister Ryan Siemens, who concludes his work with MC Sask on Jan. 31, 2022. The interim position is for up to 6 months, pending the search for a new Executive Minister. For the Executive Minister job description and additional details visit [www.mcsask.ca](http://www.mcsask.ca) or contact Andrea Enns-Gooding at [searchcommittee@mcsask.ca](mailto:searchcommittee@mcsask.ca)

**MC Sask: Thank you for your support of our level ground coffee fundraiser in 2021!** By purchasing your coffee through MC Sask, you have help raise over \$1000 for our youth program!

We will resume ordering on January 3, 2022. To place your order go to [www.mcsask.ca/coffee](http://www.mcsask.ca/coffee)

**MCC Connects:** Christmas Blessings to you from the Board and Staff of MCC Saskatchewan! May our celebrations of the birth of the Christ child nurture and strengthen our living and serving in the name of Christ throughout the coming year.

**MC Sask staff wish you joy as you seek the Way in the manger**  
Ryan, Josh, Kirsten & Marianne