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Gathered to Worship on Treaty 6 Territory

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In-Person and Live Stream Worship Service

Worship Leader: Patrick Preheim
Accompanist/Song leader: Stockdale Winder family
Speakers: Edna & Don Froese, Charlene Krahn
Tech Support: Jeff Olfert, Kelly Stockdale Winder

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Gathering Hymn: **Holy Spirit, Come With Power** HWB No. 26

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Children's Time

Hymn: **The Crippled Lamb**
Oh, Beautiful Star Of Bethlehem STS No. 32

2020 Reflection: Charlene Krahn

Scripture Reading: **Psalm 103** HWB. No. 823

Hymn: **Love Came Down At Christmas** HWB No. 208

Poem: **The Avowal** Denise Levertov

2020 Reflections: Edna & Don

Hymn: **Come, Bring Your Burdens To God** STS No. 50

Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Hymn: **When Peace, Like A River** HWB No. 336

Spoken Benediction

Sending Hymn: **Joy To The World** HWB No. 318



Thanks to the congregation for your gestures of love and friendship this Advent, and throughout this challenging year. Blessings to you this Christmas season and may the arrival of Emmanuel, God-with-us, bring us hope and peace. - Patrick, Susanne, and Christie

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION - Marlene and I would like to thank everyone who attended one of the events. We were pleased to share our vision of community with so many people. We would also like to thank all of you who participated by sending a video or photo with MERRY CHRISTMAS greetings 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 Patrick, Susanne, Bob and Anita for offering the Greeting/Blessing, Don and Dave for working the AV station, Jeff for assisting with the creation of the movie, Tammy, Bonnie, Jake, Barb, Joanne and Evelyn for leading us in song, Hedio H. for helping make peppernuts and Bonnie, Tammy, Marlie and Dave for orchestrating the Sunday School virtual pageant. MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OF YOU!

NPMC masks are going fast! We have printed a limited-edition mask with our church logo on it. The first 50 people to contact Christie in the church office (npmc@npmc.net) can purchase a mask for \$25 each. Payment can be made by cheque or E-transfer Carmen (made out to NPMC, with masks indicated in the memo or comments. Please note that these funds aren't eligible for tax receipts.). Wear it as a reminder of your church community, keep yourself and others safe, and support the work of Prairie Harm Reduction with our most vulnerable neighbours!

As the weather becomes colder we have some additional information for those attending worship in person.

- Plan to keep your coats and boots with you in the sanctuary.
- At this time we ask you to please leave directly after the service.

The church office will no longer be ordering the devotional booklets from Upper Room or Rejoice, but those who wish are welcome to subscribe directly to those. Upper Room: <https://bookstore.upperroom.org/Products/CategoryCenter/URM/The-Upper-Room-Daily-Devotional-Guide.aspx> and Rejoice: <https://store.mennomedia.org/Rejoice-C1272.aspx> There are also free alternatives that our pastors would recommend, including a Bible-based prayer app called Lectio-365 (<https://www.24-7prayer.com/dailydevotional>) and daily meditations by Richard Rohr (<https://cac.org/category/daily-meditations/>).

CONTINUED UPDATES FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT! Please take note of the updated photos of Emily and Luke's wedding under the Wedding & Babe tab on the private side of our website.

It's not too late to apply for Winter Term! CMU is still taking applications for study in January 2021. Consider enrolling, for credit or audit, in an online CMU course. In addition to many daytime course options, Winter term evening course offerings include: *God through the Centuries, Fundamentals of Marketing, Principles and Practices of Journalism, Economics of Social Change, Restorative Justice, Adolescent Developmental Psychology...* and more. Undergraduate course offerings here www.cmu.ca/timetable and available Graduate courses at www.cmu.ca/gradcourses. Apply at www.cmu.ca/apply to become a full- or part-time student.

MCC Connects: This Christmas give a gift that gives back! The 2020 MCC Christmas catalogue has gifts of all shapes and sizes that help change lives across the globe. Share these gifts of comfort and joy with your family and friends and help make a difference. View our online catalogue at <https://mcccanada.ca/christmas#!> or call the MCC office at 306.665.2555.

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