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Gathered to Worship on Treaty 6 Territory

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Epiphany Sunday

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No. 53

In-Person and Live Stream Worship Service

Worship Leader: Ken Warkentin
Accompanist: Evelyn Roden
Song Leader: Kathleen Regier
Tech Support: David Weiler-Thiessen, Jeff Olfert, Kelly Winder

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn:

Jesus Calls Us Here To Meet Him

STJ No. 3

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Hymn:

Christ Whose Glory Fills The Skies

HWB No. 216

Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Prayer of Thanks for Offerings

Hymn:

Oh Beautiful Star Of Bethlehem

STS No. 32

Children's Time

Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 60:1-6

Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon:

Epiphany: Glimpses Of God

Susanne

Hymn of Response:

Worship The Lord In The Beauty

HWB No. 220

Spoken Benediction

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.

From Executive Director Dionne Miazdyck-Shield: "Thank-you for collecting donations to Haven Kids' House (formerly Saskatoon Crisis Nursery). I am so grateful that you thought of us during this time.

COVID-19 has been hard on many levels, but we are still open and helping families, and that feels like an important thing to celebrate. I am profoundly grateful for your generous gift."

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.

Thank for your support of MC Sask in 2020! To date, we have met 90% of our budget, and ask for your consideration to help us reach our committed support for programs like International Witness, partners like Rosthern Junior College, and ongoing pastoral resources for those who are in need of a well-deserved break. Visit, <http://mcsask.ca/donations>. Thank you, and Happy New Year!

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