

NUTANA PARK MENNONITE CHURCH  
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**December 27, 2015**  
**First Sunday of Christmas**

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**11:00 a.m.**

No. 52

Worship Leader: Allan Klassen  
Accompanists: Lorene Nickel, Kathy Peters  
Song Leader: Ron Peters  
Special Music: Kenna Forrester  
Greeter: Alison Jantz  
Ushers: Donna & Ernie Epp

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Prelude  
Greetings and Announcements  
Call to Worship  
Invocation

**Worship the Lord in the Beauty** HWB No. 220

Lighting of the Peace Lamp  
Scripture Matthew 2:13-23

Lord's Prayer  
Children's Time

**The Cellist of Sarajevo**

*Child care is provided for young children*

Offering and Offertory **Ave Maria** Kenna

Joys and Concerns  
Congregational Prayer

Sermon **Coventry Carol** Kenna  
**Holy Innocents** Patrick Preheim  
**Oseh Shalom** Kenna

*May the One who causes peace to reign in the high heavens, have peace descend on us . . . and let us say: Amen.*

**To Us a Child of Hope is Born** HWB No. 189

Benediction  
Sending Hymn **Joy to the World** HWB No. 318

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The Triumph of the Innocents  
by William Holman Hunt

The Innocents are seen with the Holy Family, in spirit,  
during the Family's Flight to Egypt.

## Joys and Concerns

Our church office will be closed Monday through Wednesday.

### Spotlight on Community Life

*The Promise of Joy.*  
We have proclaimed the joy of our Saviour's birth. His promises of joy are for everyone and for this reason we can say Amen to the Glory of God. You, Jesus are the Yes to the promise of God. Fill me/us with joy and peace as we celebrate you in our lives.

### Spotlight on Saskatoon Crisis Nursery.

The Saskatoon Crisis Nursery is a home away from home for children whose families encounter a crisis. If there is no alternate care available, parents may leave their children while the problem is being resolved. For more information go to [www.crisisnursery.ca](http://www.crisisnursery.ca)

## This Week

- Today** 11:00 am Worship; Patrick Preheim speaking. Creative Church activity will be to create an icon (a symbol to remind us that God is with us).
- Thursday** 5:30 pm **Activity Night** at NPMC; bring finger food snacks.
- Friday** 5:00 pm **New Year's Day Fast and Faspá** at Wildwood Mennonite Church. The first of each month is an invitation to fast for the environment (or recover from New Year's Eve). Come and break fast with faspá potluck and board games.

## Coming Up

- Next Sun.** 11:00 am Worship and communion; Anita Retzlaff speaking.
- Jan. 5** 6:30 pm **School of Discipleship** at NPMC; 13-week course on poetry. Facilitator is Edna Froese.
- Jan. 8, 9** **Rosthern Junior College Tournament of Memories.** Phone Denelda at 306-221-2846 or the RJC office at 306-232-4222.
- Jan. 11** 2:00 pm **Ecumenical Bible Study.**
- Jan. 12** 1:30 pm **Women's Coffee & Conversation** time.
- Jan. 17** 2:00 pm, **Rosthern Junior College Winter Theatre**; for tickets 7:30 pm (\$10) phone January 4--306-232-4222 ; [office@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:office@rjc.sk.ca)
- Jan. 19** 10:00 am **Women's Bible Study.**

**“Creative Church” is an intergenerational, multisensory, participatory worship alternative to the formal sermon during the second half of our worship service. Anyone, ages 4 to 94 is invited to participate.**

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.

**MCC Connects:** Regina Host needed for International Volunteer Exchange Program participant: MCCS is looking for one host in Regina for David, an IVEP participant from Cambodia. Hosts get to share their gifts of hospitality with fine international young people who are committing a full year of service to MCCS. For more info contact IVEP Coordinator Kaytee Edwards Buhler at [KayteeEdwards@mccsk.ca](mailto:KayteeEdwards@mccsk.ca) or 306-665-2555.

## Matthew 2:13-23

13 Now after the magi had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' <sup>14</sup>Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, <sup>15</sup>and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.' <sup>16</sup>When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. <sup>17</sup>Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: <sup>18</sup>'A voice was heard in Ramah,

wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.' <sup>19</sup>When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, <sup>20</sup>'Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead.' <sup>21</sup>Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup>But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. <sup>23</sup>There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, 'He will be called a Nazorean.'

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## Announcements

Conflict is a part of all our lives, from disagreements with siblings, neighbours, friends, dealing with bullies at school, play or work... How do we confront and settle differences in a way that does not create conflict?? MCC Saskatchewan will join NPMC for a two part series on peacemaking in January 2016. We will tackle some of the challenges around being active peacemakers in our families, churches and wider community. The two hour sessions will hopefully provide children, youth and adults with skills around how to address conflict in a way that is accessible and easy to put into practice. For more information please contact the Community Engagement Team at MCCS, Kaytee Edwards Buhler and Carlie Heagy, 306-665-2555.

**Dates: Thursdays, January 14 and 21 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Anyone age 6 and over is welcome. Indicate your intention to participate via email, telephone, or on the bulletin board sign-up sheet by January 3.**

If you have suggestions for things you would like to do in the intergenerational activity time in February or March, please email your suggestions to Renata Klassen. [ar.klassen@shaw.ca](mailto:ar.klassen@shaw.ca) or phone 306-373-2260.



**From Earthkeepers:** What resolution are you prepared to make and carry out for 2016 which will make some small difference to this earth we call home?

**Saskatoon Food Bank: Fruit juice; peanut butter**