

**NUTANA PARK MENNONITE CHURCH
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Gathered to Worship on Treaty 6 Territory

**December 17, 2017
3 Advent**

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11:00 a.m.

No. 50

Worship Leader: Allan Klassen
Accompanists & Special Music: Musica Tribus
Greeter: Audrey Kampen
Ushers: Donna & Ernie Epp

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Welcome, Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship

Invocation

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| Hymn                           | <b>O Bless The Lord, My Soul</b> | HWB No. 80                  |
| Advent Reading Litany – insert |                                  | Brielle and Andrew Neufeldt |

Children's Time

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| Hymn                   | <b>Hope Is A Candle</b>      | StS No. 15    |
| Offering and Offertory | <b>All Through The Night</b> | Musica Tribus |

Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

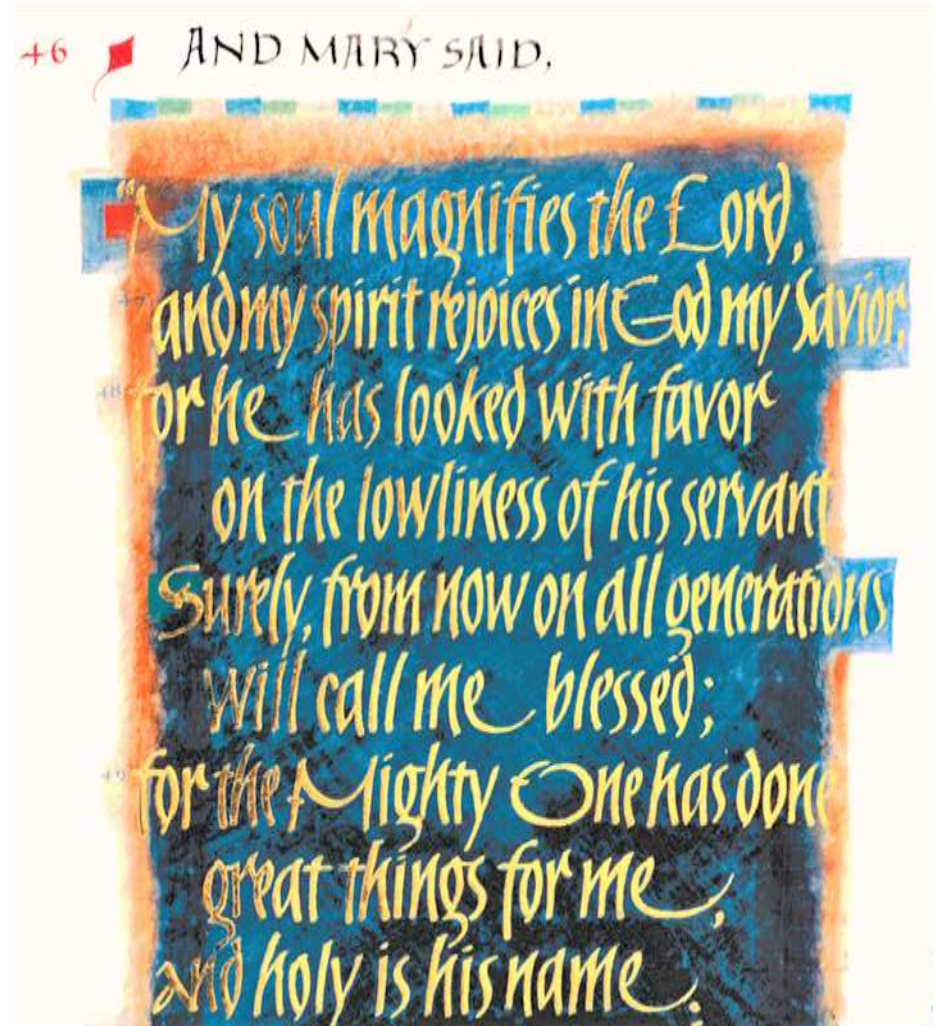
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| Hymn              | <b>My Soul Is Filled With Joy</b> | StJ No. 13                          |
| Scripture Reading |                                   | Isaiah 61:1-4; 8-11<br>Luke 1:46-55 |

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| Sermon | <b>Radical Hope</b> | Susanne<br>Loewen Guenther |
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| Hymn of Response | <b>O Saviour, Rend The Heavens</b> | HWB No. 175 |
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| Sending Hymn | <b>Children, Go Where I Send Thee</b> | Musica Tribus |
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3 Advent



Spotlight on Appleby Kids and Youth Club

Appleby Kids and Youth Club is a Mennonite Central Committee Saskatchewan program that serves children and youth from diverse backgrounds who live in one of Saskatoon's more under-served neighbourhoods. This year, close to 200 young people have participated in various activities, including homework club, cooking club, Raise the Peace youth camp, and the summer gardening program, all of which provide a place "where kids can be kids." To learn more or donate, call the club at 306-665-2555 or visit <https://donate.mccc.ca/registry/appleby-kids-and-youth-club>

This Week

Today	8:55 am	Contemplative Prayer in the sanctuary.
	9:25 am	Choir rehearsal for all ages.
	9:45 am	Adult Ed; <i>Birth narratives in various religions</i> . Valerie Epp, Paul Schroeder, Renata Klassen.
	11:00 am	3 Advent Worship; Susanne speaking.
	11:15 am	Sunday School age 4-11 years; childcare age 1-3 years.
	5:30 pm	NPMC Christmas Banquet.
Monday	7:00 pm	Sonrisa Women's Choir and A Buncha Guys concert; Shekinah Retreat Centre. Donations to support Shekinah.
	7:00 pm	Board Meeting; the agenda and October approved minutes are posted on the bulletin board.
Wednesday	7:30 pm	Rosthern Junior College Choir Concert at Knox United Church. Free admission, a collection taken for RJC.
Friday	7:00 pm	Rosthern Junior College Choir Concert at RJC. Free admission, a collection taken for RJC.

Coming Up

Next Sun.	8:55 am	Contemplative Prayer in the sanctuary.
	9:25 am	Choir rehearsal for all ages.
	9:45 am	Adult Ed; <i>Peppernuts and Tea</i> . Meditation by Edna Froese
	11:00 am	4 Advent Worship; Patrick Preheim speaking.
	11:15 am	Sunday School age 4-11 years; childcare age 1-3 years.
	7:00 pm	Christmas Eve Service.
Dec. 25		No Christmas Day Service.
Dec. 31	11:00 am	Evening Worship; Allan Klassen and Kenna Forrester speaking.
		We would like to know if there is enough interest in our congregation for a New Year's Eve celebration. Please phone Marlene Froese at 306-668-4793.
March 9, 10, 2018		MC Sask annual Delegate Sessions; Zion Mennonite Church, Swift Current.

3 Advent Litany

Leader: Isaiah foretold the coming of one upon whom the spirit of the Lord would rest, who would bind up the broken hearted of Jerusalem, who would proclaim liberty to the captives and release of the prisoners in Palestine, who would announce the year of the Lord's favour.

All: May those who go out weeping return home with shouts of joy.

Leader: Jesus began his ministry with the words of Isaiah: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour. And Jesus did this.

All: May those who go out weeping return home with shouts of joy.

Leader: With the Spirit's anointing the church continues the ministry of social transformation announced by Isaiah and Jesus. May we claim our role in comforting the afflicted, in opening eyes, in offering release to those held captive, in announcing the year of God's favour. We light three advent candles as a prayer that in our time and place God will again restore the fortune of those who are hurting.

All: May those who go out weeping return home with shouts of joy. Amen.

NEW TIMES: Starting January 7, 2018

Worship: 10:00 am

Coffee: 11:00 am

Children's Sunday School: 11:10 am

Adult Education: 11:10 am

Choir: 11:10 am

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

MCC Connects: MCC is currently recruiting for many exciting and challenging service positions in countries all around the world. Positions like the Peace Service & Community Accompaniment Worker in Mexico, are currently open for applications. To view this position visit: mcccanada.ca/get-involved/serve/openings/peace-service-community-accompaniment-worker-mexico. If you have an interest or questions about serving abroad, call Erica Baerwald, Human Resources Coordinator at 306.665.2555.

E-Transfer Donations to NPMC

You can send an online e-transfer through your personal bank account to finance@nPMC.net. In the E-transfer put "Donation" in the message. Please send a separate email to the same email address with the included password and contact information (Name, address, phone number) so we can complete the transfer to NPMC.

Shekinah Retreat Centre is welcoming applications for an Executive Director. Applicants will be reviewed starting January 2018 and the position will be filled by March 1, 2018. We invite interested parties to visit www.shekinahretreatcentre.org.

Rosthern Junior College Theatre Arts Class presents "The Mad Tea Party" in the Pit Theatre on January 20 at 7:00pm and January 21 at 3:00pm. Tickets are \$10 and will go on sale January 4, 2018. This play is appropriate for all audiences!

January 28, 2018 at 4:00 pm at Mount Royal Mennonite Church -- join us for a visit to China without leaving Saskatchewan! You are invited to an afternoon of fun, learning and inspiration with international ministry workers George and Tobia Veith. Try your hand at Chinese brush calligraphy. Learn to skip rope the Chinese way. Hear updates from and interact with the Chinese pastors hosted in Saskatchewan in 2014. Be inspired and challenged by stories of your brothers and sisters on the other side of the world and hear about the work of Mennonite Partners in China. There will be a pot luck supper. Bring cold or hot dishes, Chinese/Asian food if possible.

Mennonite Disaster Service All-Unit Meeting will be hosted in Winkler, MB from February 9-10, 2018. A time of gathering together to hear and share the stories of MDS from the past year. Registration forms on the bulletin board in the education wing.

The photography instructor at Walter Murray is looking for donations of digital SLR cameras for student use. If you have a camera, please pop it into the mailbox of Lori Weiler-Thiessen or leave it on the table under the mailboxes clearly marked. Thanks.

Mennonites Learning Indigenous Theology

NAIITS is an Indigenous Learning Community that hosts annual theological gatherings intended for young and older pastors and activists. Mennonite Church Canada's Indigenous-Settler Relations would like to help sponsor a group of women and men from across our nationwide church to attend this year's symposium on "White Supremacy and Indigeneity," June 7-9, 2018 @ Acadia Divinity College (Nova Scotia). If you are interested, please email Steve Heinrichs for details (sheinrichs@mennonitechurch.ca).

Bill C-262, the Indigenous Human Rights Bill, was endorsed by the ruling Liberal party at second reading on December 5, 2017. One more hour of debate will take place in mid-February, then a vote likely in March. The Bill will then be sent to committee for study, come back for a 3rd Reading, and finally, be brought to the Senate for Royal Assent. You can watch the debate here—<https://aoo.al/ikzahi>. MP Romeo Saganash expresses his sincere gratitude to our Mennonite community for all the work we've done to get things this far. We're encouraged to keep sending the free **Walk the Talk postcards** to all MPs, encouraging them to stand up for justice and reconciliation. **Please see Susanne for postcards.**

Isaiah 61:1-4; 8-11

1 The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; ² to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; ³ to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. ⁴ They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. ⁸ For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will

faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. ⁹ Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. ¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Luke 1:46-55

46 And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, ⁴⁸ for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. ⁵⁰ His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm; he

has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. ⁵² He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; ⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. ⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵ according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

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Saskatoon Food Bank Most Needed Items: Pasta Products, Canned Meat, Fish