

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

**December 4, 2016
2 Advent**

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11:00 a.m.

No. 49

Worship Leader: Susanne Guenther Loewen
Prelude: Sue Schellenberg
RJC Chorale Conductor: Richard Janzen
Accompanist: Audrey Janzen
Children's Song Leaders: Rachel & Jared Regier
Greeters: Joan Stephens & Duff Warkentin
Ushers: Donna & Ernie Epp

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song **This Is A Holy Day** by Larry Warkentin RJC Chorale

Call to Worship

Joys and Concerns

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Hymn **No Wind At The Window** StS No. 11

Lighting the Advent Candle (Litany based on Sing the Story #134) Hedie & Ross Borne

Reader: God of Gabriel, of birth and life,
Hear our prayer
As we prepare for Christ's coming:

**Congregation: Like Mary,
Make us bold enough
to question angels. {light 1st candle}**

Reader: Like Mary,
Help us pray:
Your word be done.

**Congregation: We light this second candle
Ready to embody your word. Amen**

Song **Come, Light Of The World** StS No. 3

Scripture Luke 1:26-45 Marg Buckner

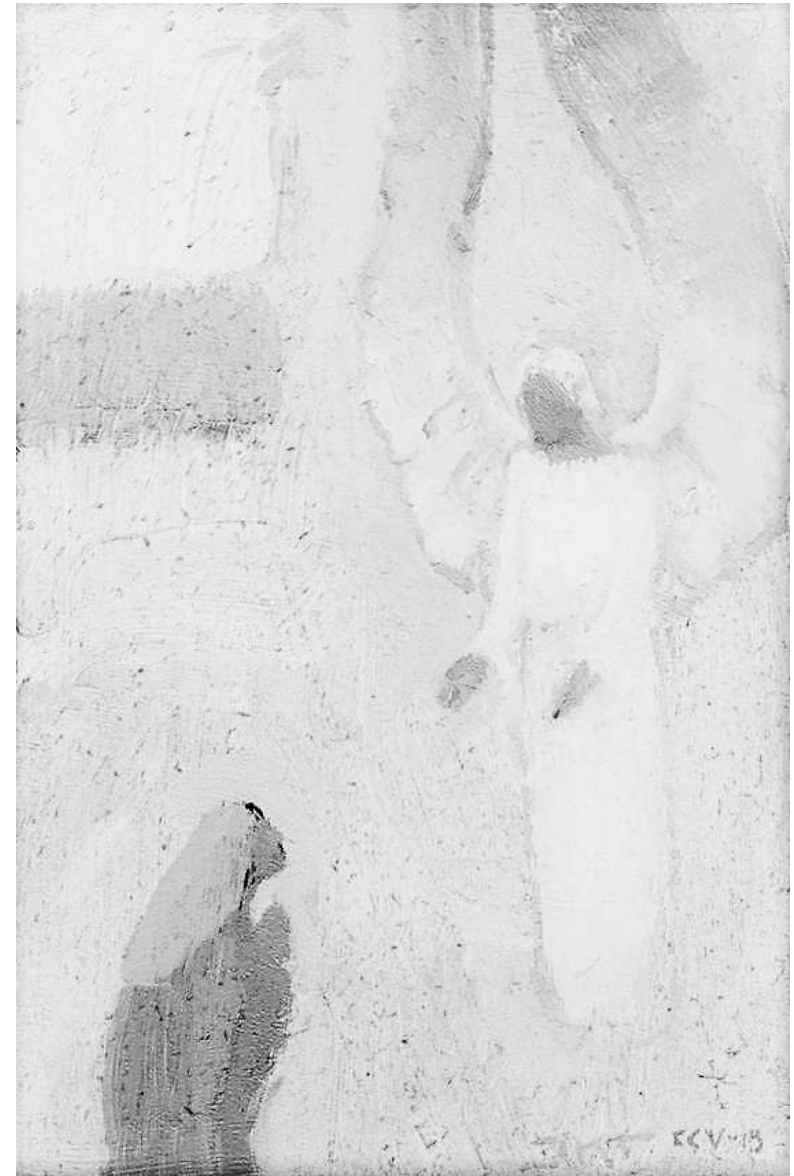
Children's Time/Song **There Was A Little Baby**

Offering our Gifts and Resources/Offertory RJC Chorale

Introductions and Songs RJC Chorale

Benediction

Sending Song **The Lord Bless You** by Peter C. Lutkin RJC Chorale



Tell God I say, Yes.

Art: The Annunciation by J. Kirk Richards

Spotlight on Mennonite Central Committee

Mennonite Central Committee invites us to give "a gift that changes lives" this Christmas by supporting their relief, peace, and development work in the name of Christ. Contribute to meeting needs for food, livelihoods, water, peace, education, relief, health, and welcome for newcomers to Canada. Options include: \$55 for a goat for people experiencing drought in Ethiopia; \$200 for a beehive to boost incomes in Iraq; \$40 for pipes to irrigate crops in India; \$50 for peacemaking work in Syrian communities affected by war – or give to wherever it is most needed! For more information, see MCC Christmas giving guides on the table under the church mailboxes, or visit donate.mccc.ca

This Week

- Today**
- 8:55 am **Contemplative Prayer** in the sanctuary.
 - 9:25 am **Choir rehearsal** for all ages.
 - 9:45 am **Adult Ed: Doing Theology Through Poetry: The Meanings of Advent.** Facilitator is Edna Froese.
 - 11:00 am **2 Advent Worship**; RJC chorale.
Creative church – Advent art.
 - Noon **Care Group #5** – visitors are welcome to join us.
 - 1:30 pm **Caring, Sharing, Remembering** -- we are invited to place the name of our loved ones on the Tree of Remembrance at the Western Development Museum. Phone 306.244.5577 for more information. There is a poster on the bulletin board.
- Tuesday**
- 10:00 am **Women's Bible Study Tea.**

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: Doing Theology Through Poetry: The Human Condition.** Facilitator is Edna Froese.
 - 11:00 am **3 Advent Worship**; Patrick speaking.
Potluck following the worship service: A-H, bring casserole, help with clean-up; I-Z, bring salad and dessert, help set-up.
 - 2:30 pm **The Saskatoon Men's Chorus** present *A Christmas Fanfare* at Grace Westminster United Church.
 - 7:30 pm **A Buncha Guys Christmas concert** at Mayfair United Church; an offering will be taken for Shekinah Retreat Centre.
- Dec. 13**
- 1:30 pm **Women's Coffee & Conversation time**; lounge.
- Dec. 16**
- 7:30 pm **Rosthern Junior College Choir Christmas Concert** at Knox United Church.
 - 7:30 pm **Musical Jam Session**; lounge. Bring your instruments and voices for an evening of singing popular songs.

- Dec. 17**
- 7:30 pm **A Buncha Guys Christmas concert** at Shekinah Retreat Centre. Doors open at 6:45 pm. Special guest Aaron Bueckert Tickets (\$5.00) available at McNally Robinson Book Sellers, Russ Regier (306-249-3650), any of the Guys, or at the door. An offering will be taken for Shekinah Retreat Centre.
- Dec. 18**
- 2:30 pm **Rosthern Junior College Choir Christmas Concert** in the RJC gymnasium.
 - 5:00 pm **Church Christmas Dinner Event.** Today is the deadline to add your name on the sign-up sheet in the education wing. Dinner is complimentary; an offering will be taken to replenish our church capital replacement fund.
- Dec. 24**
- 7:00 pm **Christmas Eve Worship.**
- Dec. 25**
- 11:00 am **Christmas Day Worship.**

Scripture Luke 1:26-45

The Birth of Jesus Foretold

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴ Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵ The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶ And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸ Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Mary Visits Elizabeth

³⁹ In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰ where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴² and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³ And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴ For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

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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

Explore with the Children - The Children's worship program needs a person or pair who would be willing to supervise the children for *two Sundays* when we have Explore sessions for the children (Jan. 8, March 5). These sessions are opportunities for the children to engage together in play activities together during the worship service. The children's space is set up with activities and opportunities for learning and pretending. The leader on these Sundays is responsible for caring supervision of the children at play. If you are willing to be a caregiver for these Sundays, contact Susan Ens Funk.

Friendship Inn would appreciate **food, clothing and gifts for children** for Christmas. See the poster on the bulletin board or visit friendshipinn.ca to see what is needed. Drop off at 619-20th St. W or phone 306.242.5122.

MCC Connects: MCCS is currently accepting applications for a full time Financial Controller. To view the full job description and apply for this position visit: mcccanada.ca/get-involved/serve/openings/financial-controller or call Erica Baerwald, Human Resources Coordinator at the MCCS office 306-665-2555.

Attention all theatre-lovers and actors! This Spring, from March 10-11, 2017, our congregation is co-hosting the Mennonite Church Saskatchewan Annual Delegate Sessions with Pleasant Point Mennonite Church. We would like to put on a play on Friday evening called "The Gospel According to Food" with members of Pleasant Point and Nutana. We need actors of various ages and a director/coordinator for Nutana folks involved. Please let Susanne know if you're interested or for more information.

As a follow-up to our Fall worship series on Communion and the many stories of Jesus sharing food, the **children will be collecting non-perishable food items throughout Advent** during the offering time. All food will be donated to the Saskatoon Food Bank and Learning Centre.

Advent devotional booklets are available on the table in the foyer under the monitor. Please help yourself.

Anyone interested or willing to **Gift Wrap** for **Ronald McDonald House**, call Marlene Froese at 306-668-4793 or 306-220-9409. Wrapping started November 25, goes until December 24.

To stay updated with **Future Directions: Covenant New**, head over to <http://www.futuredirectionsmc.ca/> for all the latest information.

Youth Announcements

Discussion group --Tuesdays from 7:00pm to 8:30pm for youth in Grades 7-12.