

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



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Advent 2**

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No. 49

Worship Leader: Ken Warkentin
Accompanists/Special Music: Sharon Klassen, Rhonda Krahn
Greeters: Hedio & Ross Borne
Ushers: Donna & Ernie Epp

Hymn	Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus	HWB No. 178
Invocation		
Welcome and Announcements		
Lighting of the Peace Lamp		
Hymn	Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming	HWB No. 211
Joys and Concerns		
Congregational Prayer		
Special Music		
Sharon and Rhonda		
Offering and Offertory		
With the Children		
Advent Reading - insert	Dionne & David Miazdyck-Shield	
Special Music	Sharon and Rhonda	
Hymn	The Angel Gabriel	HWB No. 180
Scripture	Malachi 3:1-4 Luke 1:26-38	
Sermon	Messengers	Nora Pederberg
Spoken Benediction		
Sung Benediction	Go Now In Peace	HWB No. 429



"Two Angels Singing" by Benjamin West 1783

Spotlight on The Lighthouse Mobile Outreach

Operating out of a van, mobile outreach workers provide sandwiches, water, toiletry items, and warm clothing in winter, all with the goal of building relationships with street-entrenched, chronically homeless individuals. Immediate goals are to ensure individuals have a safe place to sleep, but the ultimate goal is to see people in appropriate housing or accessing the supports they need to succeed. **With temperatures continuing to drop, donations of warm socks, mitts, and other winter wear are needed.**

This Week

Today	9:30 am	Adult Ed: Experiencing Advent Through Art: <i>The Visitation (Mary and Elizabeth)</i> . Discussion led by Edna Froese.
	10:15 am	Children's Sunday School.
	11:00 am	2 Advent Worship; Nora Pederberg speaking.
	Noon	Care Group #6: Potluck and NPMC Children's Christmas play rehearsal.
	2:00 – 5:30 pm	A Very Shekinah Christmas at the Timber Lodge.
	2:30 pm	Saskatoon Men's Chorus concert <i>Yuletide Fires</i> at Grace Westminster United Church.
Tuesday	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study Tea, lounge.
	1:30 pm	Women's Coffee & Conversation, lounge.
Wed.	7:30 am	Men's Breakfast, Grainfield's Restaurant, 8th Street.
Friday	1:00-4:00 pm	Station 20 West invites everyone to a Christmas Come and Go Tea / Open House in the Multipurpose room at The Saskatoon Mothers' Centre . They are hoping to find donors willing to donate to this centre -- a poster is on the "Mission & Service" bulletin board outlining their tax-receiptable fundraising campaign.

Coming Up

Next Sun.	9:30 am	Adult Ed: Experiencing Advent Through Art: <i>The Journey to Bethlehem</i> . Discussion led by Edna Froese.
	10:15 am	Children's Sunday School.
	11:00 am	3 Advent Worship; Saskatoon Men's Chorus concert.
	5:00 pm	Christmas Banquet at NPMC.
Dec. 19	7:30 pm	RJC Choir Christmas Concert; Knox United Church.
Dec. 21	7:00 pm	RJC Choir Christmas Concert; RJC gymnasium.
Dec. 24	7:00 pm	Christmas Eve Service at NPMC.
Dec. 30	Noon	Care Group #1 potluck.
Dec. 31	5:30 pm	Movie Night in the lounge; bring finger food snacks. 6:30 is show time.

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.

Advent 2: Angels

Incarnate God,
holding tenderly all things human,
you became one of us.
Encourage our hearts
to accept the invitation of your Messengers.
Reassure us that we might not fear.
Grant us trust to accept the commission you give.
Equip us to be your Messengers in your world.
Give us the courage to join you
in the hard and holy work
of proclaiming peace on earth.

Announcements

Thanks to those of the congregation who volunteered with Habitat for Humanity in contributing to the volunteer hours required for a new homeowner; her hours have been filled.

Please help yourself to the **Advent materials** on the table in the church foyer.

A Christmas EGADZ box is in the Education Wing. Please help to fill it up--contents are listed on the box. Donations are appreciated.

MCC Connects: This Christmas give a gift that gives back! The 2018 MCC Christmas catalogue has gifts of all sizes. Start a new family tradition, join with friends or colleagues and make a difference in the lives of people around the world! Visit mcccanada.ca/Christmas to find the perfect gift! There are also booklets on the mailbox table in the education wing.

A Message from our Bookkeeper and Treasurer:
Would you like to donate but do not have cheques? NPMC accepts E-transfers. Email finance@npmc.net and in the E-transfer put "Donation" in the message.
Please send a separate email to the same email address with the password and contact information (Name, address and phone number) so we can complete the transfer to NPMC.

Food Bank "Blue Bin" Items: Canned vegetables, Flour, Rice
They do **not** need empty egg cartons

Malachi 3:1-4

1 See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. 2But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; 3he

will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. 4Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Luke 1:26-38

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He 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. ³³He will reign over the

house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵The 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. ³⁶And 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. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸Then 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.