

*Coming Up*

Sunday, Dec 22 (Advent 4) at 11:00 am: Worship Service, Len Rempel speaking  
Tuesday, Dec 24 at 7:00 pm: Christmas Eve Service  
Wednesday, Dec 25: NO CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE  
Sunday, Dec 29 at 10:00 am: Worship Service in Education Wing with Communion



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**Gathered to Worship on Treaty 6 Territory  
December 22, 2024 at 11:00 am**



**In Person and Online Worship Service**

Worship Leader: Denelda Fast  
Accompanists: Sue Schellenberg and Lynn Driedger  
Ushers: Merv and Dorothy Sorensen

**Advent 4**

Prelude	Carol Singing	
Land Acknowledgement		
Gathering Carol	In the Bleak Midwinter	insert
Welcome and Announcements		
Call to Worship		
Hymn	Joyful is the Dark	VT #281
Lighting the Advent Candle		VT #916
Advent Response	Hope is a Candle	VT #211
Children's Time		
Children's Song	Do You Hear What I Hear	Jared Regier
Joys and Concerns		
Praying		
Advent Carol	Twass in the moon of wintertime	insert
Offering/ Offertory		
Scripture	John 1: 1-18	
Meditation	A Light Shining in Darkness	Len Rempel
Advent Carol	Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming	VT #216
Spoken Benediction/ Lighting the Lamp of Peace		
Sung Benediction	Between Darkness and Light	VT #808

*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.*

### ***NPMC Announcements***

**DIRECTORY UPDATES are now available!** Please pop into the office and retrieve your hard copy of the updates to insert into your binder. If Gwen is not there when you pick yours up, **PLEASE** sign your name on the sign up sheet to ensure we keep an accurate list. You have likely already received the updated digital copy via your Inbox. If you have any questions, please contact Gwen or Denelda. Enjoy!

**If you are looking for a holiday outing,** Dean is Peter Pan at the Globe theatre in Regina. It's a fabulous show and it's held over till January 5! Lots of music and Dean brings much joy and fun to their role. If you have children in your life sphere, they would love it. If you decide to go, and you'd like to talk to Dean after the show, text them (or Fern) and they'll come out. Link for tickets here:

<https://tickets.globetheatrelive.com/TheatreManager/1/tmEvent/tmEvent1052.html>

**January 24th & 25th - CREATIVE COMMONS – NPMC** This retreat is for anyone and everyone and will take place in our education wing. It will run on Friday evening from 7:00PM to 9:30PM and Saturday from 9:00AM until 4:00PM. There is also a DROP IN option for those who would like to participate but are not available for the entire time. Register your name with Gwen or Anita and please pay your registration fee in cash at the event. There will be a fee of \$25.00 to cover Saturday lunch and snacks and any other costs incurred. REGISTRATION DEADLINE is January 22nd. If you have any questions, you can ask Fern, Denelda or Anita.

### **COLLECTION CORNER**

Young families and others are invited to bring a donation for EGADZ. Drop off box is in the foyer. Please bring your items by **mid January**. The Christmas wish list is: family size shampoo and lotion; body wash; travel size shampoo, conditioner, and body wash; hair brushes; deodorant; toothbrushes, toothpaste, and dental floss; toques, gloves, mini mitts; socks. Thank-you!

### ***Community Announcements***

**Save the Date!** The Mega Menno gang are hard at work planning the **2025 Winter Youth Retreat!** Join us between January 31 to February 2 at the Shekinah Retreat Centre for a weekend of worship, community, and fun! More details to come in the next few weeks.

**Save the date! The MC Sask Gathering 2025 (annual delegate sessions) will be held at RJC High School on March 7 & 8, 2025.** The theme is "***Differences for the Common Good***". All are welcome to attend. More details available soon!

**RJC announces the addition of Grade 9!** In response to parental and student requests, and in an effort to expand and enhance our school program and mission, RJC High School is pleased to announce the addition of grade 9 for the 2025/2026 school year. Grade 9 is the natural intake for most high schools in the province, and an increasing number of students and families have requested this program. We are

excited to now provide this opportunity for our students. For details go to <https://www.rjc.sk.ca/2024/12/04/rjc-announces-addition-of-grade-9/>

As you prepare to celebrate the peace, hope, joy and love of God this Christmas, please consider the ways your gift to MC Sask extends beyond the ministries within our province to Mennonite Church Canada and its nationwide and international ministries. Together we support the work of International Witness, CommonWord Bookstore and Resource Centre, Indigenous Relations, and Climate Action. Thank you for being a part of all these significant ministries. Contributions can be made directly to [MC Canada](https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/giving) at <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/giving> or to [MC Sask](https://mcsask.ca/giving) at <https://mcsask.ca/giving>

**MCC Connects:** From all of us at MCC Saskatchewan, we wish you a Merry Christmas! As we celebrate the birth of Christ, may you be filled with His hope, joy, peace, and love.