

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

**December 11, 2016  
3 Advent**

Vol. LI

**11:00 a.m.**

No. 50

Worship Leader: Geraldine Balzer  
Accompanist: Joanne Ewert  
Choir Leader: Tristan Brenneman  
Children's Song Leaders: Rachel & Jared Regier  
Greeters: Lois & Paul Tiessen  
Ushers: Donna & Ernie Epp  
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| Welcome, Greetings and Announcements |                                       |                        |
| Treasurer's Report                   |                                       | Bert Klassen           |
| Call to Worship                      |                                       |                        |
| Special Music                        | <b>Hodie, Christus Natus Est</b>      | Choir                  |
| Lighting of the Peace Lamp           |                                       |                        |
| Hymn of Praise                       | <b>Fling Wide the Gates</b>           | HWB No. 186            |
| Lighting the Advent Candle           | (insert)                              | Sue & Ron Schellenberg |
|                                      | Litany based on Sing the Story #134   |                        |
| Hymn                                 | <b>Come, Light Of The World</b>       | StS No. 3              |
| Children's Time/Song                 | <b>There Was A Little Baby</b>        |                        |
| Offering                             |                                       |                        |
| Hymn                                 | <b>Hope Is A Candle</b>               | StS No. 15             |
| Special Music                        | <b>Huron Carol</b>                    | Choir                  |
| Confession                           |                                       |                        |
| Affirmation                          |                                       | StS No. 125            |
| Hymn                                 | <b>Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus</b> | HWB No. 178            |
| Joys and Concerns                    |                                       |                        |
| Congregational Prayer                |                                       |                        |
| Special Music                        | <b>Cradle Carol</b>                   | Choir                  |
| Scripture                            |                                       | HWB No. 715            |
| Sermon, part 1                       |                                       | Patrick Preheim        |
| Hymn                                 | <b>My Soul Is Filled With Joy</b>     | StJ No. 13             |
| Sermon, part 2                       |                                       | Patrick Preheim        |
| Hymn                                 | <b>My Soul Cries Out</b>              | StS No. 124            |
| Sending Hymn                         | <b>Oh, How Shall I Receive Thee</b>   | HWB No. 182            |
| Spoken Benediction                   |                                       |                        |

Please join us for the potluck meal following the worship service.



### Spotlight on Song

Today, Dec 11, many wonderful concerts will be given in Saskatoon. The texts for most of the pieces come from Christian Scriptures which underscore God's preference for mercy and for those who suffer. As we take in the music and sing, may we be reminded of deeper implications of the Lord's song which emerges in many of our seasonal carols.

### This Week

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| Today    | 8:55 am  | <b>Contemplative Prayer</b> in the sanctuary.                                                                                                                                                                      |
|          | 9:25 am  | <b>Choir rehearsal</b> for all ages.                                                                                                                                                                               |
|          | 9:45 am  | <b>Adult Ed:</b> <i>Doing Theology Through Poetry: The Human Condition</i> . Facilitator is Edna Froese.                                                                                                           |
|          | 11:00 am | <b>3 Advent Worship</b> ; Patrick speaking.<br>Creative church – Advent art.<br><b>Potluck</b> 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 <b>Saskatoon Men's Chorus</b> present <i>A Christmas Fanfare</i> at Grace Westminster United Church.                                                                                                           |
|          | 7:30 pm  | <b>A Buncha Guys Christmas concert</b> at Mayfair United Church; an offering will be taken for Shekinah Retreat Centre.                                                                                            |
| Tuesday  | 1:30 pm  | <b>Women's Coffee &amp; Conversation time</b> ; lounge.                                                                                                                                                            |
| Wed.     | 7:30 am  | <b>Men's Breakfast</b> ; Jerry's Food Emporium, 8th Street.                                                                                                                                                        |
| Friday   | 7:30 pm  | <b>Musical Jam Session</b> ; lounge. Bring your instruments and voices for an evening of singing popular songs.                                                                                                    |
|          | 7:30 pm  | <b>Rosthern Junior College Choir Christmas Concert</b> at Knox United Church.                                                                                                                                      |
| Saturday | 7:30 pm  | <b>A Buncha Guys Christmas concert</b> at Shekinah Retreat Centre. An offering will be taken for Shekinah Retreat Centre.                                                                                          |

### Coming Up

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| Next Sun. | 8:55 am  | <b>Contemplative Prayer</b> in the sanctuary.                                                                      |
|           | 9:45 am  | <b>Adult Ed:</b> <i>Doing Theology Through Poetry: The Human Condition</i> . Facilitator is Edna Froese.           |
|           | 11:00 am | <b>4 Advent Worship</b> ; Susanne speaking.                                                                        |
|           | 2:30 pm  | <b>Rosthern Junior College Choir Christmas Concert</b> in the RJC gymnasium.                                       |
|           | 5:00 pm  | <b>Church Christmas Dinner Event</b> . An offering will be taken to replenish our church capital replacement fund. |
| Dec. 24   | 7:00 pm  | <b>Christmas Eve Worship.</b>                                                                                      |
| Dec. 25   | 11:00 am | <b>Christmas Day Worship.</b>                                                                                      |

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.

Translation of Hodie, Christus natus est

Today Christ is born. Today the Saviour appears.  
Today on earth the angels sing, and the Archangels rejoice.  
Today the just exult, saying: Glory to God in the highest.  
Alleluia.

### Litany – Lighting the Advent Candle

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. {light 2nd candle}

**Congregation: Like Mary,  
Let us magnify your name,  
O God of Hope.**

Reader: We light this third candle  
Asking for a resilient hope. Amen

### Announcements

**MCC Connects:** This Christmas, join in the joy of giving. As you celebrate God's gift to us, honour family or friends with a gift that changes lives. Donate to MCC's Christmas Giving Projects at the MCCS office, Ten Thousand Villages stores, at an MCC Thrift Shop near you or online at: [donate.mcccanada.ca](http://donate.mcccanada.ca).

**Bethany Manor:** 710 sq. ft. suite is available for Life Lease in Bethany Place Assisted Living. Includes 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom with shower, all meals plus assisted living services. See poster for details. Contact Jennifer Saunders, Bethany Housing Coordinator at 306-242-9019, extension 227 for more information.

**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.

### Youth Announcements

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