

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



**December 16, 2018  
Advent 3**

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**11:00 a.m.**

No. 50

Worship Leader: Patrick Preheim and Lynn Driedger  
Special Guests: Saskatoon Men's Chorus  
Greeters: Betty Brown and Phyllis Unrau  
Ushers: Donna & Ernie Epp  
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Prelude **Sérénade Mélancolique** -- Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky  
Call to Worship **The Gift** -- Russell Wallace  
Gathering Hymn **Oh, How Shall I Receive Thee** HWB No. 182  
Welcome and Announcements  
Scripture Reading Psalm 150; Isaiah 12:2-6  
**Cantate Hodie!** -- Mary Lynn Lightfoot  
**O Praise Ye The Lord** -- W.A. Mozart  
Lighting of the Peace Lamp and Advent Litany Owen & Norah Rodda, Bob Neufeldt  
Hymn **Come, Light Of The World** StS No. 3  
Joys and Concerns  
Congregational Prayer  
Scripture Reading Psalm 113:5-9; Psalm 36:7-9  
**Yule-tide Fires** -- Diane Loomer  
**Brightest and Best** -- trad. American, arr. Shawn Kirchner  
With the Children  
**Fum, Fum, Fum** -- trad. Catalan, arr. Howard Helvey  
Offering: Prayer and Offertory  
**Ave Maria** -- Giulio Caccini  
Scripture Reading Luke 2:8-15  
**Sussex Carol** -- trad. English, arr. Gerald Polich  
**Beautiful December**-- Amy F. Bernon  
Sending Hymn **Go, My Friends, In Grace** StS No. 57  
Spoken Benediction  
Choral Benediction **There is Faint Music** -- Nancy Buckley, Dan Forrest  
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We welcome Deborah Buck (Director), Lynn Driedger (Assistant Director), Karen Reynaud (Accompanist) and Hannah Lissel-DeCorby (Violinist) and the Saskatoon Men's Chorus as they lead us in worship this morning.

## Spotlight on Heart of the City YXE

An inner city piano project that strives to enhance the lives and learning opportunities of at-risk youth through a structured music program. Through exposure to positive role models and opportunities to perform at and attend live music performances, students gain a sense of accomplishment, confidence, and increased self-esteem. When children realize they are capable of creating music, the whole world opens up to them. They realize that they can be a part of the beauty around them and they are more than capable of accomplishing whatever they set their minds to. **They are always in need of volunteer teachers who have at least a Grade 6 Conservatory of Music and one free hour a week to teach in one of their participating schools.**

Visit [www.heartofthecity.ca/saskatoon](http://www.heartofthecity.ca/saskatoon) for more details.

### This Week

Today	9:30 am	Adult Ed: <i>Experiencing Advent Through Art: 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.
Monday	5:00 pm	Christmas Banquet at NPMC.
	7:00 pm	Board Meeting; the agenda and October approved minutes are posted on the bulletin board.
Wed.	7:30 pm	RJC Choir Christmas Concert; Knox United Church.
Friday	7:00 pm	RJC Choir Christmas Concert; RJC gymnasium.

### Coming Up

Next Sun.	9:30 am	Adult Ed: <i>Experiencing Advent Through Art: The Birth</i> . Discussion led by Edna Froese.
	10:15 am	Children's Sunday School.
	11:00 am	4 Advent Worship; Patrick Preheim speaking.
Dec. 24	7:00 pm	Christmas Eve Service at NPMC.
Dec. 27	1:30 pm	Care & Share group; meet in East Sunday School room.
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 3: Elizabeth/John the Baptist

Incarnate God,  
holding tenderly all things human,  
you became one of us.  
Strengthen us that we,  
like Elizabeth and John, might prepare your way.  
Deliver us from feelings of unworthiness.  
Deepen our trust in your saving ways.  
Make us a blessing, as you invite us all to a humility  
rooted in your mercy and justice.  
Give us courage to join you  
in the hard and holy work  
of preparing the way of peace.

### Announcements

Friendship Inn is asking for donations to help "Fill the Plate" for the month of December. See the poster on the bulletin board for ways in which to help.

**A Christmas EGADZ box is in the Education Wing.** Donations are appreciated.

**MCC Connects:** MCC works in 57 countries with 508 partners around the world, providing relief, development and peace in the name of Christ. A gift to "where needed most" supports the breadth of MCC's work. Through this gift of hope, you are meeting urgent needs, helping to build peace and investing in long term change in communities. Please make this happen by visiting [mcccanada.ca](http://mcccanada.ca) or call 306.665.2555 to donate today!

#### 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](mailto: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