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Gathered to Worship on Treaty 6 Territory

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Epiphany**

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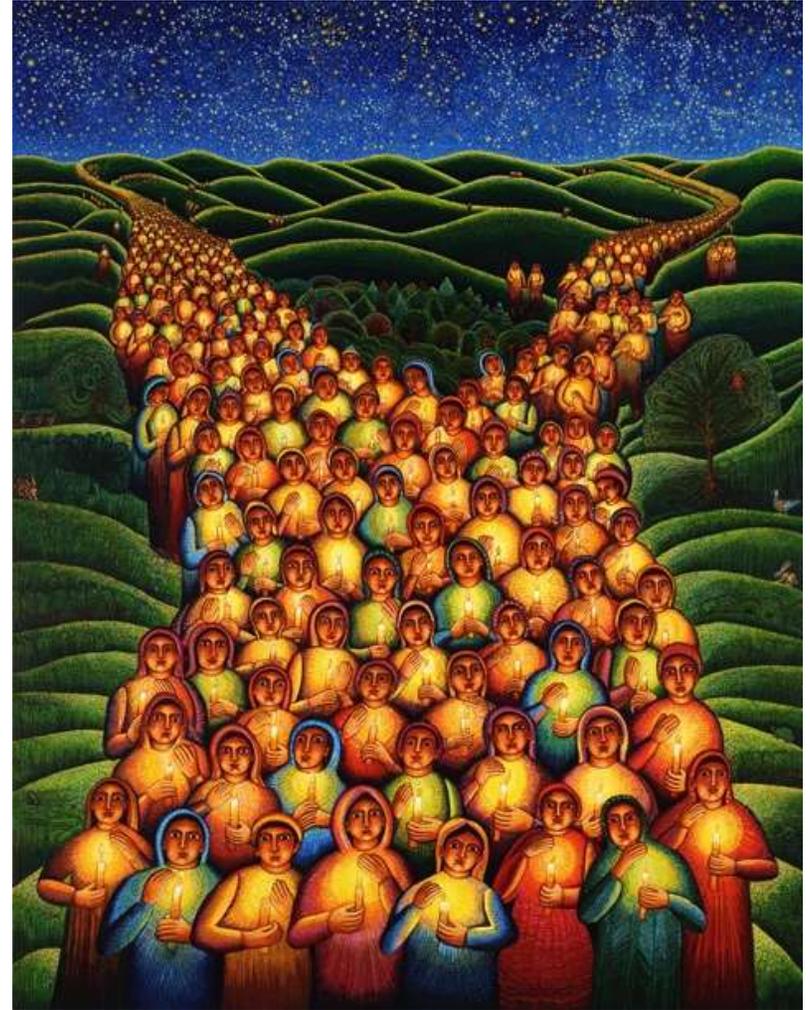
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Worship Leader: Denelda Fast
Accompanist: Jenn Attema
Greeters: Bonnie & Mitch Dahl
Ushers: Evelyn & Peter Epp

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| Gathering Hymn                    | <b>Oh, Beautiful Star of Bethlehem</b>     | StS No. 32                         |
| Welcome and Announcements         |                                            |                                    |
| Lighting of the Peace Lamp        |                                            |                                    |
| Invocation                        |                                            |                                    |
| Hymn                              | <b>Christ, Whose Glory Fills The Skies</b> | HWB No. 216                        |
| With the Children                 |                                            |                                    |
| Offering and Offertory            |                                            |                                    |
| Joys and Concerns                 |                                            |                                    |
| Prayer of the People              |                                            |                                    |
| Scripture                         |                                            | Matthew 2:1-12<br>Ephesians 3:1-12 |
| Sermon                            |                                            | Nora Pederberg                     |
| Candle Lighting and Special Music |                                            | Zac Schellenberg                   |
| Spoken Benediction                |                                            |                                    |
| Sending Hymn                      | <b>Jesus, Be The Centre</b>                | StS No. 31                         |

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Festival of Lights by John Swanson 2000

Spotlight on Sherbrooke Community Centre

Sherbrooke supports each person to live a full and abundant life, creating a diverse habitat where children, plants, and animals are a natural part of everyday life. The care and service is resident directed, allowing the residents to direct their own lives and staff to support them in their choices.

This Week

- Today** 9:30 am **Choir rehearsal.**
9:30 am **Adult Ed:** *Experiencing Advent Through Art: Epiphany (The Wise Men)*. Discussion led by Edna Froese.
11:00 am **Worship;** Nora Pederberg speaking.
- Wed.** 7:30 am **Men's Breakfast,** Grainfield's Restaurant, 8th Street.
7:00 pm **Men's Study,** lounge.

Coming Up

- Next Sun.** 9:30 am **Choir rehearsal.**
9:30 am **Adult Ed:** *Overview of the Eight Laws of Change.*
Facilitator: Renata Klassen.
10:15 am **Children's Sunday School.**
11:00 am **Worship;** Susanne Guenther Loewen speaking.
- Jan. 15** 10:00 am **Women's Bible Study,** lounge.
1:30 pm **Women's Coffee & Conversation Time,** lounge.
- Jan. 18** 7:30 pm **Musical Jam Session,** lounge.
- Jan. 20** Noon **Potluck.** A-H, bring salad & dessert, help set-up; I-Z, bring casserole, help clean-up.
- Jan. 26** 7:00 pm **Sing, Sip & Socialize -- MCC Centre.** Come join us for an evening of hymn singing (led by Sparky & the Plugs), coffee, and fellowship with the MC Canada Joint Council.

Announcements

MCC Connects: MCC would like to thank you for continuing to partner with us in providing relief, development and peace in the name of Christ. We wish you an abundance of blessings and look forward to working with you in the new year.

Mennonite Church Saskatchewan Annual Delegate Sessions; Zoar Mennonite Church, Waldheim on **March 8, 9.** More information to follow.

From MC Sask: For Epiphany Sunday we invite your prayers for Ryan, Kirsten and Marianne in the MC Sask office as they meet with others and prepare for the year ahead. Pray for wisdom, guidance and the presence of the Holy Spirit as they seek to faithfully serve.

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.

Matthew 2:1-12

1 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." 3When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; 4and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. 5They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 6'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" 7Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had

appeared. 8Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." 9When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. 11On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. 12And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Ephesians 3:1-12

1 This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— 2for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, 3and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, 4a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. 5In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: 6that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. 7Of this gospel I have

become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. 8Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, 9and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; 10so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. 11This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, 12in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.