

# Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church

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## Worship Service

November 29, 2020

1<sup>st</sup> Advent

### *Seeing Christmas Through the Eyes of Those Who Were Part of the First Christmas*

**Prelude** – Heather Derksen

**Call to Worship, Announcements, Prayer** – Dennis Derksen

**Worship in Song** – Pastor Harold Espinosa/Heather Derksen

Away in a Manger

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

O Little Town of Bethlehem vs. 1, 2, 4

**Advent Feature** – Shaun & Emily Dyck

**Mission Spot** – Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Centre

**Scripture Reading** – Dennis Thiessen

Matthew 2:13-23

**Message** – Pastor Dean Huber

Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph

Matthew 1:16-25

**Worship in Song** – Pastor Harold Espinosa/Heather Derksen

Joy to the World! vs. 1, 2, 4

**Benediction** – Pastor Dean Huber

**Postlude** – Heather Derksen

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**Stay Connected:** Our worship services/messages are available on You Tube, on our website ([www.wbmc.ca](http://www.wbmc.ca)) and on Cable TV (Channel 12, 10:00 am Sunday mornings & 6:00 pm on Tuesday evenings), as well as, on DVD and CD from the church office.

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**“Loving God, Loving Each Other, and Loving Our Community”**

**Sound:** Edwin Siemens

**Video:** Peter Froese

**Sunday, December 6, 2020**

**Worship Service: Pastor Dean Huber**

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**CHURCH FAMILY - PRAISES AND CONCERNS**

**Persons with Health Needs**

**BTHC:** Irene Braun, Eva Peters

**Swan Lake Hospital:** Tina Hildebrand

**Church Prayer & Praise**

Let us thank God that we can have our worship services aired on TV and through technology, we can reach many homes in our community and worldwide.

**Mission Prayer & Praise**

Pray for the Winkler & District Cheerboard as they discern the various needs in our community and for all the volunteers who will be delivering gifts to the families.

**Prayer for Our Missionaries**

Preston & Myra Wieler

**Expression of Sympathy**

Martin Wiebe passed away Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. A private service was held. He was a brother to Peter & Mary Wiebe and Tina Wieler.

Margaret Reimer passed away on Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. A private service was held. She was a sister in law to Eva & Peter Penner.

Margaret Doell passed away Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. A private service was held. She was the mother to Evelyn Doell, sister to Anne Wiens and a sister in law to Helen Hiebert, Jessie Hiebert, and Dorothy Hiebert.

**Church Office Hours**

In following the guidelines that the province of Manitoba is laying out for us, we are required to keep the church building locked at all times with no public access allowed. If you would like to drop off tithes/offerings, food for the food ministry or money for the meat ministry you can do so by calling ahead (325-9563) so that we can meet you at the door to receive your donation. Bulletins will be emailed and will not be distributed to senior housing. Only a few bulletins will be printed for pickup.

**Library**

The church library will be closed until further notice.

**'Member Sign In' Section on our Website**

The WBMC website has a "Members Sign In" section. You can view minutes, submit prayer requests, etc. Contact Susan in the office for a private login and password.

### **Baptism and Membership Classes**

Are you interested in exploring the Christian faith? Would you like to learn more about our confession of faith in a Mennonite perspective? Do you have questions about baptism and church membership? Then the WBMC, 12 week, Christian Faith classes are for you! If you are interested or have questions please call Pastor Dean (325-9563).

Classes will begin in the January 17, 2021.

### **Tithes and Offering**

Despite the fact that we are not able to meet corporately, we encourage you to continue giving tithes and offerings.

We have a few options for you to choose from.

1. You may drop your tithe off at the church office.
2. Send a cheque by mail (Box 1207 Winkler, MB, R6W 4B2)
3. Go to our Website 'Home Page', scroll to the bottom and use the link 'Donate Online'.
4. You can make donations through the Credit Union online banking service, in the same way that you would make bill payments.
5. Automatic withdrawals can be set up to make donations from any bank account to WBMC. Please contact the church office for the forms.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above options, please contact the church office.

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## **ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES OF OUR CHURCH**

### **Food for the Hungry**

We would like to encourage you to bring one non-perishable food item, each week, to put in the old chest in the foyer. We want to help people who are in need of food and want to be a blessing where we can.

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### **Birthdays This Week**

	<b>Day</b>		<b>Day</b>
Agatha Wiebe	2	Ed Stoesz	4
Abe L. Friesen	2	Anne (John L.) Friesen	5
Marlene Peters	3		

### **Anniversaries This Week**

Abe & Martha Derksen	December 3, 1966	54 Years
Leroy & Shari Dyck	December 3, 1995	25 Years

\*\*If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please notify the church office.\*\*

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### Scripture for This Week

- John 12:12 – 26
  - John 12:27 – 43
  - 2 Samuel 7:1 – 17
  - 2 Chronicles 26:1 – 23
  - 2 Chronicles 34:29 – 35:6
  - 2 Peter 3:1 – 18
  - Ezra 1:1 – 2:1
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### Quotes for the Week

Most of us have a little list going this time of year—if not on paper, then in our heads. It's that list of what we're hoping someone might give us for Christmas. But isn't it interesting that at Christmas we get gifts on someone else's birthday? Jesus is the real birthday boy. **Have you ever thought about what Jesus might want for his birthday this Christmas?...**

Since it is Jesus' birthday that we celebrate at Christmas, perhaps you should consider what you could give to Jesus for his birthday present. Perhaps the gift you could give to Jesus this Christmas is to say to him from your heart, "I'm so happy you brought me to you! You are worthy of my worship, and **I want you to be the King of my life. You are more precious to me than anything I own**, and I gladly give you the honor you deserve." That is a gift he will enjoy.

Guthrie, N. (2011). Let every heart prepare him room: daily family devotions for advent. Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale Momentum.

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The reality of knowing Christ can make **this Christmas** a very special one. For truly, Christmas is the time when we should celebrate the birthday of our Lord and give Him our most precious gifts. And how can we do that?

By beginning to **give to others in His name**. By feeding, clothing and caring for the needs of the poor, widows and orphans. And by visiting others who are sick and those who are in prison. Jesus said in Matthew 25:40: **"Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me"**(NASV).

Bright, B. (1998). Worldwide challenge (1974-2001) Bill Bright. Orlando, FL: Bright Media Foundation.

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*Pastoral Staff:* Dean Huber, Victor Engbrecht, Harold Espinosa

*Administrative Secretary:* Susan Klassen

*Custodians:* Edwin Siemens, Hank Klassen, Carol Klassen

*Church Office Hours:* Monday - Friday 8:00 am - Noon; 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm