

Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church

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Worship Service

December 6, 2020

2nd Advent

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

Prelude – Marilyn Penner

Call to Worship, Announcements, Prayer – Alvin Thiessen

Worship in Song – Trio/Irene Krahn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Welch Ein Jubel

Süßer die Glocken

Advent Feature – Nixon & Chasity Katabira

Children's Story – Eileen Engbrecht

Scripture Reading – Ron Penner

Luke 1:39 - 56

Message – Pastor Dean Huber

Christmas Through the Eyes of Mary

Worship in Song – Trio/Irene Krahn

Joy to the World

Benediction – Pastor Dean Huber

Postlude – Marilyn Penner

Stay Connected: Our worship services/messages are available on You Tube, on our website (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.

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

Sound: John Penner

Video: Brad Funk

Sunday, December 13, 2020

Worship Service: Pastor Harold Espinosa

CHURCH FAMILY - PRAISES AND CONCERNS

Persons with Health Needs

BTHC: Irene Braun

Swan Lake Hospital: Tina Hildebrand

Church Prayer & Praise

Pray for all the families, in our church, who have lost a loved one this year.
This will be their first Christmas without them.

Mission Prayer & Praise

Pray for the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes as they will be processed in the coming weeks, preparing them for export. Pray also, for the children who will be receiving them.

Prayer for Our Missionaries

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Expression of Sympathy

Anne Thiessen passed away on Wednesday, November 25th.

A private family service was held. She was a sister to Mary Miller and sister-in-law to Jake Fehr.

Anne Wiebe passed away on Monday, November 30th. A private family service was held. She was a sister-in-law to Tina Wieler and Peter & Mary Wiebe.

Marge Hildebrand passed away Wednesday, December 2nd.

A private family service will be held. She was a step-sister to Luella Peters and Gertie Giesbrecht.

Our Daily Bread Devotional

December/January/February **large** print devotionals,
are available from the church office.

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 January 17, 2021.

Christmas Office Hours

The church office will be open

Monday, December 21st – Wednesday, December 23rd and

Monday, December 28th to Wednesday, December 30th.

The church office will be closed on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES OF OUR CHURCH

Gift of Meat

We are providing meat for needy families. You are encouraged to drop off a loonie or toonie, in the jar, at church, during the week.

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.

Birthdays This Week

	Day		Day
Mary Demke	6	Tina Schmidt	10
Ursula Poetker	7	Marcelo Froese	11
Nettie Fehr	7	Carol Klassen	11
Zane Epp	8	Margaret Martens	12
Jim Suderman	8		

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

Scripture for This Week

- Mark 1:1 – 8
 - Nehemiah 8:1 – 18
 - Isaiah 61:1 – 11
 - Psalms 126:1 – 127:5
 - Psalms 128:1 – 129:8
 - John 1:1 – 14
 - John 1:15 – 28
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Financial Update – December 2, 2020

Annual Budgeted Income	\$803,450 - 100%
Year to December 3 rd Income	<u>\$719,219 - 89.5%</u>
Amount short of Annual Budgeted Income	\$84,231
Annual expenses to date: \$714,939	

There are three more Sundays in 2020

***Any donations that you wish to make to count towards 2020 totals need to be handed in by the end of the day

Wednesday, December 30th to Susan Klassen at the Church office or dropped off directly with Kenny Hildebrand.*** Treasurer - WBMC

Quotes for the Week

What God had done in Mary outshone even what God had done in Elizabeth. ***Mary was blessed here not because of her faith, as in Luke 1:45; rather her blessedness depended entirely on her son and his greatness.*** A similar beatitude is repeated in 11:27. This blessing is not to be interpreted as a call to praise/ bless Mary but as an affirmation that Mary stood in a state of blessedness.

Stein, R. H. (1992). Luke (Vol. 24, p. 90). Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers.

Speaking by special inspiration, Elizabeth saluted Mary as “the mother of my Lord.” There was not a trace of jealousy in her heart; only joy and delight that the unborn baby would be her Lord. ***Mary was blessed among women in that she was given the privilege of bearing the Messiah. The fruit of her womb is blessed in that He is Lord and Savior.***

The Bible never speaks of Mary as “the mother of God.”

While it is true that she was the mother of Jesus, and that Jesus is God, it is nevertheless a doctrinal absurdity to speak of God as having a mother. Jesus existed from all eternity whereas Mary was a finite creature with a definite date when she began to exist. She was the mother of Jesus only in His Incarnation.

MacDonald, W. (1995). Believer’s Bible Commentary: Old and New Testaments. (A. Farstad, Ed.) (p. 1372). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

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