

# **Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church**

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## **Worship Service**

**December 20, 2020**

**4<sup>th</sup> Advent**

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

**Prelude** – Anita Rudi

**Call to Worship, Announcements, Prayer** – Bill Siemens

**Worship in Song** – God’s Servants

Silent Night, Holy Night

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Away in a Manger

**Advent Feature** – John Loepky, Peter & Gisela Froese

**Children’s Story** – Judy Unrau

**Scripture Reading** – Dietrich Martens

Luke 2:21-35

**Message** – Pastor Dean Huber

Christmas Through the Eyes of Simeon

**Worship in Song** – God’s Servants

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

**Benediction** – Pastor Dean Huber

**Postlude** – Anita Rudi

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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”**

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**Sound:** Melissa Rudi

**Video:** Bill Braun

**Christmas Day, December 25, 2020**

**Worship Service:** Pastor Dean Huber

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**Sunday, December 27, 2020**

**Worship Service:** Pastor Victor Engbrecht

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**THIS WEEK AT WINKLER BERGTHALER**

**Tuesday**

7:00 pm ZOOM Church Council Meeting

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**CHURCH FAMILY - PRAISES AND CONCERNS**

**Persons with Health Needs**

**Swan Lake Hospital:** Tina Hildebrand

**Church Prayer & Praise**

Pray for those who will be spending time alone during this Christmas season.

**Mission Prayer & Praise**

Pray for the families, in our community, where there is domestic violence and abuse.

**Prayer for Our Missionaries**

Preston & Myra Wieler

**Expression of Sympathy**

Cornie Wiebe passed away Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. A private family service was held. He was a brother-in-law to Peter & Anne Hildebrand.

**Our Daily Bread Devotional**

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

**Our Christmas Day Service**

will be aired on Christmas Day on Valley Cable (it probably will be repeating throughout the day) and will also be available on You Tube and our website.

**Christmas Office Hours**

The church office will be open

Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup> – Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> and

Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, December 30<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Committee Annual Reports**

In preparation for our annual membership meeting in early 2021, all committee chairpersons are asked to submit a report of their committee happenings for our annual report book. Please prepare and submit (email if possible) your report to Susan in the office by January 15, 2021.

### **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.

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### **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.

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#### **Birthdays This Week**

	<b><u>Day</u></b>		<b><u>Day</u></b>
Anne Suderman	20	Gordon Peters	25
Gordon MacKrieth	22	Tina Wieler	25
Jim Braun	23	Pete (Eva) Penner	26
Nathaniel Froese	25		

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

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#### **Scripture for This Week**

- Romans 16:17 – 27
  - Isaiah 62:1 – 12
  - Psalm 97:1 – 98:9
  - Matthew 1:18 – 25
  - Luke 2:1 – 20
  - Hebrews 1:1 – 14
  - 2 Chronicles 24:12 – 22
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## Financial Update – December 16, 2020

Annual Budgeted Income	\$803,450 - 100%
Year to December 16 <sup>th</sup> Income	<u>\$767,820 - 95.6%</u>
Amount short of Annual Budgeted Income	<b>\$35,630</b>
Annual expenses to date: \$729,748	

\*\*\*There is one more Sunday 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 30<sup>th</sup> to Susan Klassen at the Church office or dropped off directly with Kenny Hildebrand.\*\*\* Treasurer - WBMC

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### Quotes for the Week

When she and Joseph presented Jesus at the temple, a man named **Simeon approached them**. God had promised him that he wouldn't die until he had seen God's Messiah. He took Jesus in his arms and praised God. Luke records what happens after **Simeon's prayer**:

Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. **And a sword will pierce your own soul too.**" Luke 2:33–35

Notice that the privilege of **giving birth to the Messiah was not without cost**. We are unsure what Simeon was referring to, but we can imagine some of the anguish in Mary's soul as her life went on.

Erre, M. (2014). *Astonished: recapturing the wonder, awe, and mystery of life with god*. Colorado Springs, CO: David C Cook.

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Luke 2:33. The words of **Simeon** caused Mary and Joseph to marvel (*thaumazontes*; cf. comments on v. 18). Though they had been told that their Son was the Messiah, perhaps they had not comprehended the scope of His ministry to the entire world—to the Gentiles as well as to the people of Israel.

Martin, J. A. (1985). Luke. In J. F. Walvoord & R. B. Zuck (Eds.), *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures* (Vol. 2, p. 209). Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.

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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