



Zion
Mennonite
Church

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Office hours Tuesday to Friday 9:00 to 12:00 noon
We gather to Worship each Sunday 10:45 AM

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Organist – Grace
Pianist – Marion

Worship Leader – Joy
Song Leader – Marcia

THE RIGHTEOUS BRANCH

On this third Sunday of Advent we rejoice and join with the voice who calls out from the wilderness, converting us to the way of God's justice. Out of this rejoicing comes the call to make changes in the way we live so that this justice may be shared with others.

Prelude

Advent Lighting

Zacharias family

Theme song SS (purple) #16 *Hope/Peace/Joy before us*

Gathering Song SS (purple) #8 *Wild and lone the prophet*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship on back of bulletin

Prayer

Praise Songs HWB #181 *My soul proclaims with wonder*

HWB #183 *On Jordan's banks the Baptist's cry*

Giving our Tithes & Offerings

Sunday School Skit *Christmas on the Internet*

Song *The Virgin Mary had a Baby Boy*

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Scripture Reading Zephaniah 3:1-4

Shirley

Message *Rejoicing in God's Justice*

Lois Bukar

Response Song HWB #176 *Comfort, comfort, O my people*

Benediction on back of bulletin

Sending Song SS (purple) #49 *I will come to you in the silence*

Postlude

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THIS WEEK:

Wednesday 8:30 am **Men's & Women's coffee time** at Riverview

Thursday noon **Advent service and lunch**

Friday 2 pm **ladies coffee** at Smitty's

Pray for:

- our shut-ins and those with ongoing health concerns and their caregivers
- those grieving the loss of loved ones
- our leadership team
- students writing exams & completing fall semester courses
- Swift Current: Mount Calvary Lutheran Church
- MC Sask: Hanley Mennonite Church
- peace in places of conflict, violence and loss

This year's **Sunday School Christmas Giving Project** is supporting the local Newcomer Welcome Center. Please pick up and pay for **soup mixes today**.

Scratch pads / Note pads are available in a box in the foyer for \$1. These would make good stocking stuffers.

Colouring books \$2 each – Genesis, Birth of Jesus, Parables of Jesus, available on the table in the foyer. Please leave one copy of each on the table and request more copies on the sheet provided.

There will be a **turkey dinner** at the church on **Christmas day** at noon for anyone who is not spending the day with family. I will cook turkey and gravy. Please sign up on the SS bulletin board beside the balcony stairs with number of people and what you will bring – stuffing, potatoes, vegetable, salad, dessert, cranberries, buns, etc. Bring containers for taking home leftovers. Contact Shirley Ens 306-773-2281.

Coming Events:

December 24 **Christmas Eve Candlelight** service at 7 pm

January 6 **Epiphany Sunday potluck** lunch

January 8 tying blankets for MCC (“quilting”) begins
9:30 am to 3:30 pm, bring a bag lunch

Join in the fellowship, come for all or part of each Tuesday.