



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 – Elaine

THE RIGHTEOUS BRANCH

On this final Sunday of Advent we delight with Mary in the blessing bestowed on all God’s people through the gift of Christ. In preparation for Christmas Day we humble ourselves before God’s greatness—our Messiah who comes to restore the world. We rejoice that Jesus came into the world to be our light, our peace, and our example.

Prelude

Advent Lighting

Zacharias family

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

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship on back of bulletin

Prayer

Praise Songs HWB #178 *Come, thou long-expected Jesus*

HWB #197 *Angels we have heard on high*

Giving our Tithes & Offerings

Song SJ (green) #13 *My soul is filled with joy*

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Scripture Reading Micah 5:2-5a, Luke 1:39-45, Luke 1:46-55

Esther, Hannah, Naomi

Message *Blessing and Restoration*

Lois Bukar

Response Song HWB #189 *To us a Child of hope is born*

Benediction on back of bulletin

Sending Song SS (purple) #32 *Oh beautiful star of Bethlehem*

Postlude

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THIS WEEK:

Monday 7 pm **Christmas Eve Candlelight service**

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

Pray for:

- our shut-ins and those with ongoing health concerns and their caregivers
- those grieving the loss of loved ones
- our leadership team
- Swift Current: Seventh Day Adventist Church
- MC Sask: Herschel Ebenfeld 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. **Total contributions** from soup sales and the coin offering is \$505.45. **Thank you** very much from Bd. of Ed.

Colouring books \$2 each – Genesis, Birth of Jesus, Parables of Jesus, available on the table in the foyer.

Change of address for Ruth to The Bentley/Revera

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, buns, etc. Bring containers for taking home leftovers. Contact Shirley at 306-773-2281.

Thank you from Grace Mennonite Church in Regina for our financial help with the new refugee family from South Sudan, a group of 8 people, several women and their children who are all close relatives.

Thank you to Barb and her crew for the food, and to all who helped host the three Advent services.

Coming Events:

January 6 **Epiphany Sunday potluck** lunch and food donations

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.