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9:00 am to 12:00 noon

**Sunday In-person Worship at 10:30 AM**

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**Song Leader – Ken D.**  
**Pianist – Marion D.**

**Worship Leader – Lois Bukar**

***Advent 1 -- Dare to Imagine God's Goodness!***

**Can we, dare we, embrace hope once more?**

**We can when we remember God's steadfast goodness  
and the goodness of learning and walking in God's ways.**

**Prelude**

**Gathering Song** SJ #8 *We are people on a journey*

**Welcome**

**Candle Litany**

We light a candle of hope. And we imagine:

**God's righteousness, God's steadfast love, God's justice.**

We light the candle to see God's goodness in us, among us.

**Imagine that ... we are God's wonders, blessed wonders.**

**Call to Worship**

Things grow silently, from deep inside, energy is released.

Tree branches reach for the light. People also grow silently.

**God inspires growth deep inside of us.**

In Advent, O God, cause us to get up, lean forward,  
and extend our gaze.

**Surely God, who caused the righteous Branch to spring up,  
will enliven our imaginations in this season of hope.**

***The kingdom of God is near. Look! Listen! Our God says,  
"Surely the days are coming – they are already here!"***

**Prayer**

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

HWB #185 *Hail to the Lord's anointed*

**Opportunities, Offering and Sharing Prayer**

**Song** SJ #31 *He came down*

**Scripture** Luke 21:25-36

**Sermon** *Look ... the Kingdom is Near:*

*Hope in Complicated Times* George & Tobia V.

**Response Song** HWB #297 *Jesus came – the heavens adoring*

**Benediction**

**Sending Song** HWB #172 *O come, O come, Immanuel*

**Postlude**

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**Thursday** at 4:30 pm **Leadership Team** meeting

**Saturday** at 5 pm **Women in Mission** banquet at the Modern  
Giving project for MCC is New Opportunities for Women  
and Sewing Machines.

***Pray for:***

- our shut-ins and those with ongoing health concerns and their caregivers
- those grieving the loss of loved ones
- those recovering, those still struggling, and those facing new challenges
- our Leadership Team
- Swift Current: The Salvation Army
- Mennonite Church Sask: Pleasant Point Mennonite Church near Clavet, pastor Len Rempel
- perseverance in the struggle against COVID
- the people of BC and the Maritimes

**Thank you** everyone at Zion for all your prayers and help on Pete's passing. Thank you to Women in Mission for your support, especially for your phone calls, they are very much appreciated!  
Mary Hamm and family

We are deeply grateful for the kindness and compassion you extended to our family during this difficult time. You have touched our hearts.  
**Thank You.** Jonathan Alexander Thiessen, born sleeping, leaves a footprint on our hearts. Parents Luke and Chandra Thiessen, Grandparents Brian & Ramona Dyck, Great Grandmother Emily Rempel.

**Thank you** to JoAnn and others who helped with Advent/Christmas decorating this past week. Board of Music & Worship

Val W. will have **peppernuts for sale** on Sunday December 5.  
1 large bag (equal to an ice cream pail) \$10 and ½ bag \$5. All money  
will go to MCC. If you can not be here next Sunday or you need  
more call me.

**December 18 Church Christmas banquet** at the **Modern** at **5 pm**.

Purchase **tickets** before December 12, they are \$20 from  
Margaret D. The **Giving Project** is for touchless soap  
dispensers and faucets for each of the 4 washrooms in the new  
building for Canadian Mental Health Association. Each item  
is approximately \$200, for a total of \$1600.

**Bd of Ed Advent Giving Project**

Bd of Ed would like to take 3 Sundays **November 28 to December 12**  
to focus on the need for food items in our community and offer to you  
the opportunity to give your coins and/or non-perishable food. Both  
can be dropped off in the foyer; hear your **coins** drop into a red  
container and put **food** items onto a shelf in the green tree. Rowan  
and Board members will deliver the offerings to Mental Health mid  
December.

**Subscriptions to *Canadian Mennonite* magazine** are up for renewal.  
The cost is \$20 payable to the Church Office. If you would like to join  
or be removed from the list, please let Grace know. Please respond by  
the end of November.