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9:00 am to 12:00 noon

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

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**Pianist – Grace F.**

**Worship Leader – Joy J.  
Song Leader – Marcia M.**

*First Sunday of Advent*

*Restoration is Near*

**We need restoration, awaiting Christ's coming in our time  
just as the world waited before the first incarnation.  
In anticipation, we are to live as restored people.**

**Prelude**

**Gathering Song** VT #1 *Summoned by the God Who Made Us*

**Focus Statement**

**Candle Lighting** **Braydon Z.**

Leader: Watch! You know what time it is,  
how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep.

**People: The night is far gone, the day is near.**

Leader: As we watch, we light this candle as a sign of our hope.

**People: Bring your restoration to your people, we pray.**

**Theme Song** SS #4 *Rejoice, rejoice, the Savior comes* vs.1

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Hear us, O Shepherd of Israel;  
you who sit on the mercy seat between the cherubim,  
we stand in your presence, seeking your face.

**People: Shine forth, O Lord, in the sight of your people,  
that we may see you clearly.**

**Stir up your strength in us; come, rescue us.**

Leader: The time is near, we are watching;  
restore us again, O God.

**People: Cause your face to shine and we shall be saved,  
made whole by your gracious love and kindness.**

**All: We are watching and waiting for you, O Lord.**

**Prayer**

**Praise Songs** HWB #111 *O praise the gracious power*  
HWB #99 *We praise thee, O God*

**Offering Blessing**

**Opportunities and Sharing**

**Prayer**

**Scripture** Isaiah 2:1-5, Romans 13:11-14

**Isabella Sundby, St. Olaf Lutheran Church**

**Message** *Watch: The day is almost here* **Lois Bukar**

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

**Benediction**

May you go out in hope, waiting and watching  
and living for the day of the Lord to draw near.

**Sending Song** HWB #367 *For the healing of the nations*

**Postlude**

**Thursday noon Advent worship and lunch  
at First United Church**

Zion is leading this service and providing lunch

**Next Sunday** potluck lunch

**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
- health issues in COVID recovery
- our Leadership Team / Executive
- Swift Current: Christian Fellowship Church of Rhineland
- Mennonite Church Sask: First Mennonite Church in Saskatoon, pastor Paul Matheson
- Ukraine / Russia
- Witness: churches in Chin State Myanmar as violence increases

**Pray for** Anna's friend, in Regina hospital facing end of life.

**Sign-up list for Church Christmas Gathering**  
at **Zion** on **Sunday December 18** at **5 pm**  
is on the bulletin board. Bring family and friends.

**Food donations** are still being collected, the green Christmas tree is in the coatroom.

Every Home Plan for **Canadian Mennonite** magazine  
Cost per subscription is \$20, payment is optional to Zion (the total is billed to Zion). We have 39 subscriptions. Please report to Grace in the church Office any changes in your subscription. New subscription additions are welcome.

***Coming Christmas Events***

December 1, 8, 15 **Advent worship** service and lunch by donation  
at noon at First United Church

December 4 **potluck** lunch

December 18 5 pm **Church Christmas Gathering**

December 24 7 pm **Christmas Eve Candlelight**

December 25 11 am **Christmas Day** worship service

January 1 **Communion** service