



Zion
Mennonite
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9:00 am to 12:00 noon

Sunday In-person Worship at 10 AM

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Pianist – Marion D.

Worship Leader – Jennifer D.

Song Leader – Ken D.

Second Sunday of Advent

Restoration is Near

**In a world where power holds sway, Jesus will judge differently.
We are called to prepare the way for this new kind of ruler. This
calls for repentance and truth-telling.**

Prelude

Gathering Song HWB #184 *Hark! The glad sound!*

Focus Statement

Candle Lighting

Rowan R.

Leader: John the Baptist proclaimed.

“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

**People: Prepare the way of the Lord,
make God’s paths straight.**

Leader: As we prepare, we light this candle as a sign of peace.

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

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

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: A branch shall come forth from the stump of Jesse;
its root shall bear fruit.

**People: May we be ready, O Lord, ready to be fruit bearers
of your harvest, bringing forth the fruit of dwelling,
longing, unity, and peace.**

Leader: Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.

**People: Renew our spirit, stand as a banner before us,
bright as morning glory.**

Leader: Prepare the way for new life that emerges in and through
you, life that ripples out to your people, into all nations.

All: In you there is glorious rest.

Prayer

Praise Songs HWB #172 *O come, O come, Immanuel*

HWB #174 *Bless 'd be the God of Israel*

Offering Blessing

Sunday School class *Living Upside-Down*

Opportunities and Sharing

Prayer

Song HWB #195 *It came upon a midnight clear*

Scripture Isaiah 11-10; Romans 15:4-13

Margaret D.

Message *Prepare the way of the Lord*

Lois Bukar

Response Song HWB #182 *Oh, how shall I receive thee* sz.1,2

Benediction

May you go out in peace, preparing the way,
as people of the story of God’s restoration.

Sending Song HWB ##182 *Oh, how shall I receive thee* sz.3

Postlude

Today potluck lunch

1 pm **Executive** meeting

Thursday noon Advent worship and lunch

at **First United Church**

1 pm **Women in Mission** banquet

Next Sunday radio broadcast

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: Church of the Open Bible
- Mennonite Church Sask: Fiske Mennonite Church, pastors Margaret Ewen Peters & Gary Peters
- Ukraine / Russia
- Tokyo Mennonite Center and Tokyo Area Fellowship of Mennonite Churches

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.

Thankyou to Bart & Joy and helpers for **providing the meal** on behalf of Zion for the Advent service at First United on Thursday.

The **Salvation Army** needs **volunteers** to help with the **kettles**.

Swift Current Oratorio Choir Christmas Concert

on Monday **December 5** at 7:30 pm at Zion.

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

Every Home Plan for **Canadian Mennonite** magazine
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Christmas and Coming 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 11 am **Communion** service

January 10 tied **quilting** begins