



Zion
Mennonite
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Sunday In-person Worship at 10 AM

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Pianist – Carla P.

Worship Leader – Val W.

Song Leader – Marcia M.

Third Sunday of Advent

Restoration is Near

This is a week of encouragement. We can be strong because the one who can truly restore us is coming. We have hope because of what we have already seen.

Prelude

Gathering Song HWB #26 *Holy Spirit, come with power*

Focus Statement

Candle Lighting

Harrison T.

Leader: Strengthen your hearts,
for the coming of the Lord is soon.

**People: Tell what you hear and see:
even now, like water in the desert,
we see God's action all around.**

Leader: As we gather strength, we light this candle
as a sign of your love made visible among us.

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

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

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Look, I am sending my messenger,
go tell what you have seen!

**People: God's awesome wonders fill the earth,
the lost are found, the blind receive sight,
the deaf hear, the lame walk,
the poor are preached to,
and those who are dead in spirit receive new life.**

Leader: Is this what you were expecting to see?

People: Blessed are they who trust in the Lord!

Leader: For his yoke is easy, his burdens are light.

All: Great is your faithfulness!

Prayer

Praise Songs SJ #31 *He came down*

HWB #118 *Praise God from whom all blessings flow*

Offering Blessing

Opportunities and Sharing

Prayer

Song HWB #191 *O little town of Bethlehem*

Scripture Matthew 11:2-11

Sermon *Things are not always what we hope for*

Response Song VT #664 *Be Still, My Soul* v.1,2

Benediction

May you go out in love, emboldened to share
the good news of God's restoration.

Sending Song VT #664 *Be Still, My Soul* v.3

Postlude

Today 11 am Radio Broadcast

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

Friday 2 pm ladies coffee at Smitty's

Next Sunday 5 pm Church Christmas Gathering

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: Community Baptist Church
- Mennonite Church Sask: Grace Mennonite Church in Regina, pastor Rodney Hennessey
- Ukraine / Russia
- the leadership of the Meserete Kristos Church in Ethiopia and Witness Workers Werner & Joanne De Jong at the Meserete Kristos Seminary

Brian R.
Fred H.

Sign-up TODAY for Church Christmas Gathering
at Zion on **Sunday December 18** at **5 pm**.

Bring family and friends.

For the Christmas Event supper a **collection basket** will be present at the entrance to the supper **for the cost of the meal**, no amount will be specified. Later in the evening an **offering** will be taken for the Chaplaincy Program (receipts for the offering available).

Shirley Ens will be organizing a **turkey dinner** for those who will not have family here to have Christmas with. It will be on **Christmas day** at the church around **1:30 pm**. Watch for a **sign up sheet** in the coming week.

As decided at the last Executive meeting, we will **resume live streaming** of our worship services starting in 2023. We will ask those wishing to receive the streaming service to request it by calling the Church office. It was thought best to resume in the New Year so as not to disrupt church events already planned for the Christmas season.

Christmas and Coming Events

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

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