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9:00 am to 12:00 noon

**Sunday In-person Worship at 11 AM today**

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Pianist – Grace F.

Worship Leader – Herman W.

## Christmas Day

### *Sing for joy: Your God reigns*

**The long-anticipated restoration is here and now.**

**The same Holy Spirit that birthed Jesus is available to us.**

**This is how a small baby can be good news for today's world.**

#### Prelude

**Gathering Song** HWB #318 *Joy to the world* v.1,2,3

#### Focus Statement

#### Candle Lighting of the Christ Candle

Leader: The people walking in darkness  
have seen a great light (Isaiah 9:2).

**People: When the set time had fully come** (Galatians 4:4).

Leader: For to us a child was born

**People: when the set time had fully come.**

Leader: To us a son is given

**People: when the set time had fully come.**

**All: The time is here. The time is now.**

**Today a Saviour has been born.**

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

#### Welcome

#### Call to Worship

Leader: Sing and shout; how great is our God!  
The heavens praise your name;  
the earth proclaims your glory!

**People: How beautiful are the feet on the mountain  
of those who bring good news.**

Leader: Great is your peace, and great are your promises.

**People: Your good news brings comfort to my soul.**

**In my heart a new song cries out.**

Leader: Sing hallelujah!

**All: Our God reigns!**

#### Prayer

**Songs** HWB #472 *Away in a manger*

MH #470 *O come, little children* v.1,3,4 on back of bulletin

#### Children's Time

**Esther W.**

***I Wonder About Christmas*** by Herbert F. Brokering **reader Ike F.**

Hymns in order, sung throughout the reading:

*O little town of Bethlehem* HWB #191 v.1

*While shepherds watched their flocks* HWB #196 v.1,2

*O come, O come Emmanuel* HWB #172 v.1

*O little town of Bethlehem* HWB #191 v.2

*O little town of Bethlehem* HWB #191 v.3

*Hark, the herald angels sing* HWB #201 v.1

*O little town of Bethlehem* HWB #191 v.4

*O come, all ye faithful* HWB #212 v.3

*Joy to the world* HWB #318 v.4

#### Benediction

Today we sing for joy! May you go in celebration,  
sharing the good news that God has come.

**Sending Song** HWB #197 *Angels we have heard on high*

#### Postlude

**Next Sunday 11 am** service includes **Communion**

#### 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: Family Community Church
- Mennonite Church Sask: Laird Mennonite Church, pastor Bruce Jantzen
- Ukraine / Russia
- Peace on Earth

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.