



**Zion
Mennonite
Church**

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9:00 am to 12:00 noon

Sunday In-person Worship at 10:30 AM

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Pianist – Marion D.

**Worship Leader – Emily R.
Song Leader – Ken D.**

Advent 1

How will we know . . . how long?

Prelude

Gathering Song HWB #178 *Come, thou long-expected Jesus*

Welcome

Call to Worship

O God, tear open the heavens and come down
so that the mountains would quake at your presence!

No one has heard,
no ear has perceived,

**no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for you.**

No one knows when the time will come.

How long must we wait? (pause)

Together we wait.

Prayer

Songs of Praise HWB #184 *Hark! The glad sound*

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

Blessing & Receiving of Offering
choir

Announcements, Opportunities, Sharing

Prayer

Song SS #9 *As the pauper waits for plenty*

Drama

Scriptures Isaiah 64:1-9; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 **Reimers**
Mark 13:24-37

Sermon *Hurry Up and Wait!*

Zach Stefaniuk

Theme Song VT #213 *Poor of the Earth*

Advent Candle Lighting

Together we wait.

How long must we wait?

No one knows when the time will come.

So go! Keep alert, strengthened by God's faithfulness to you.

Sending Song HWB #343 *My hope is built on nothing less*

Postlude

Today potluck lunch

Thursday noon **Advent worship** at St. Olaf Lutheran, lunch

Friday 5 pm **Women in Mission** banquet

Next Sunday is the last radio broadcast
unless someone will sponsor

Pray for:

- our shut-ins and those with ongoing health concerns and their caregivers
- those grieving the loss of loved ones
- our Leadership Team / Executive
- Swift Current Ministerial: New Life Seventh Day Adventist Church
- Mennonite Church Sask: Pleasant Point Mennonite Church near Clavet, pastor Len Remple
- Ukraine / Russia
- a just peace in Israel and Palestine

Canadian Mennonite magazine annual renewal:

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Zion green bags and scratch pads are available for sale on a chair in the foyer.

Sign-up sheet for the Christmas Banquet on December 16

is on a clip-board on the table in the foyer. Cost is \$20 payable to Grace in the Office.

Calling for Christmas Stories, poems, recitation, skit, musical item, etc to share after the **Christmas banquet**. Contact Elaine

Christmas Cookie Trays for sale. Jamie Rowe is the Vocational Coordinator at Canadian Mental Health Swift Current, employing 5 CMHA members to make up the trays. They are very proud of and treasure this position. The money raised in this fundraiser keeps her program functioning throughout the rest of the year. The trays are \$35. Call 306-750-6671 to order. See the poster on the bulletin board.

Zion Christmas Events

December 16 **Church Christmas Banquet** 5 pm.

December 24 **Christmas Eve Candlelight** 7 pm.

Community Christmas Events

December 7 SC Ministerial **Advent Worship Service**
and lunch at noon at St. Olaf Lutheran

December 10 **Oratorio Choir Christmas Concert**
at Zion **3 pm and 7:30 pm**

December 17 **Melodies of Christmas** at 7 pm
at First United Church

December 21 **Blue Christmas**