



**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 – Carla P.

**Worship Leader – Zach Stefaniuk
Song Leader – Elaine D.**

Advent 2

How will we know . . . what now ?

Prelude

Gathering Song VT #11 *Mountain of God*

Welcome

Call to Worship

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved,
that with God one day is like a thousand years,
and a thousand years are like one day.

**God is not slow, as some think of slowness,
but is patient with us,
not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance.**

The word of our God will stand forever.

How shall we live while we wait for salvation? (pause)

Together we wait.

Prayer

Songs of Praise SJ #31 *He came down*

HWB #182 *Oh, how shall I receive thee*

Blessing & Receiving of Offering

Choir

Announcements, Opportunities, Sharing

Prayer

Drama

Song HWB #355 *Savior, like a shepherd lead us*

Scriptures Isaiah 40:1-11; 2 Peter 3:8-9

Sermon *Persistence and patience*

Theme Song VT #213 *Poor of the Earth*

Shirley E.

Mel F.

Advent Candle Lighting

Together we wait.

**God is patient with us, but how do we prepare
while we're waiting?**

Go, beloved, and while you wait for these things,
strive to be found by God at peace.

Do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.

Sending Song HWB #430 *God be with you*

Postlude

Today last radio broadcast unless someone will sponsor

1 pm **Executive** meeting

Friday 2 pm **ladies coffee** at Smitty's

Saturday 5 pm **Church Christmas banquet**

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: Restoration House
- Mennonite Church Sask: Rosthern Mennonite Church, no pastor at this time
- Ukraine / Russia
- a just peace in Israel and Palestine

Update for Ben Dyck & Hilda Franz:

Ben 431-294-5256, Hilda 431-294-5262.

Advent At-Home Devotional from Mennonite Church Canada is available at commonword.ca/go/3695.

Canadian Mennonite magazine annual renewal, available in print or digital or both. **Deadline is Tuesday.**

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. **Offering project is The Center,** make cheques out to Zion.

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 and available until December 21. 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 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** at East Side Church of God