



**Zion
Mennonite
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9:00 am to 12:00 noon

Sunday In-person Worship at 10:30 AM

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Pianist – Grace F.

Worship Leader – Emily R.

Song Leader – Marcia M.

Together on the Journey

Advent 1 *Between a Rock and a Hard Place*

Prelude

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

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Responding to the call of the living God,

P: our rescuer and Saviour,

L: we welcome the Holy Spirit's presence,

P: among and within us.

L: In the name of Jesus, our risen Lord,

All: we offer ourselves in worship.

Prayer

Candlelighting

Reader 1: When we find ourselves between a rock and a hard place, we may ask how to continue on.

Reader 2: When Daniel's persistent prayers brought him between opposing laws of the land and the mouths of hungry lions in a stone-covered den, despite the risk, he chose to trust God.

Reader 1: When Jesus found himself faced with persecution and false accusations, he chose forgiveness over self-defense.

All: Our path may meander through rocky situations, but we still hold Christ as our center as we journey together.

Theme Song VT #533 *How Many Times We Start Again*

Praise Song HWB #36 *God of our strength*

Blessing & Receiving of Offering

Announcements, Opportunities, Sharing

Prayer

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

Scripture Reading Daniel 6:6-27; Luke 23:1-5

Reimers

Sermon *Between a Rock and a Hard Place*

Zach Stefaniuk

Response Song HWB #538 *Lead me, Lord*

Benediction

Sending Song VT #613 *God, Be with Us*

Postlude

Today potluck brunch

Thursday noon Advent service and lunch

5:30 pm **Women in Mission banquet**

Pray for:

- our shut-ins and those with ongoing health concerns and their caregivers
- those grieving the loss of loved ones and those struggling with transition of some kind
- our Leadership Team / Executive
- Swift Current Ministerial: Alpine Church of God
- Mennonite Church Sask: Hoffnungsfelder / Fields of Hope Mennonite Church near Glenbush, no pastor at this time
- Ukraine / Russia
- a just peace in the Middle East

From Canadian Mennonite: With the Canada Post strike, your December print issue will be delayed. Sign up for digital delivery to get it by email on November 29. CM sends an email each Friday and attaches a PDF copy of the magazine once per month. Contact Lorna at office@canadianmennonite.org.

Note **Rejoice!** pdf version is available in the church Office.

Advent Giving Project

Education and Outreach Committee would like to invite you to participate in our Advent Giving Project designated to Mental Health starting December 1st. Please bring food items and/or coins and we will provide a Gift Card for them to use to purchase food. Thank you for your offerings.

Thanks to Braydon for making the grave marker for Anna Wiens.

Coming Events:

December 1 **potluck lunch**

December 5, 12, 19 **Advent service and lunch at Zion** noon

December 5 **Women in Mission Banquet** 5:30 pm

December 8 **Oratorio Choir concerts** 3 pm and 7:30 pm

December 13 **services at The Meadows and Cypress House**

December 19 **Melodies of Christmas** at First United church

December 21 **Zion Christmas Banquet** 5 pm

December 24 **Christmas Eve Candlelight** 7 pm