



**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 – Zach Stefaniuk
Song Leader – Ken D.**

*Together on the Journey
Advent 2 Opening Hearts*

Prelude

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

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Let us return to the Lord with all our hearts.

P: With our whole heart?

L: The hurting and hurtful part?

The bleeding and empty part?

P: The sewn-up-tight-don't-come-in heart part?

All: With our whole heart, with all our hearts

we come to worship the Lord God,

L. whose merciful compassion,
abundant patience, and faithful forgiving love
meet us in our need.

Prayer

Candlelighting

Reader 1: We know God to be merciful and compassionate,

Reader 2: patient and full of love,

Reader 1: ready to forgive.

Reader 2: Created in God's image, we yearn to reflect
these same attributes in our hearts and lives.

*All: We open our hearts to receive the Spirit,
to become more like our loving God.*

Theme Song VT #553 *How Many Times We Start Again*

Praise Song HWB #184 *Hark! The glad sound!*

Blessing & Receiving of Offering

Choir

**Announcements, Opportunities, Sharing
Prayer**

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

Scripture Readings Joel 2:12-13, 28-29;

Philippians 1:3-11

Linda T.

Sermon *The Gifts of Advent*

Mel F.

Response Song HWB #324 *Seek ye first the kingdom of God*

Benediction

Sending Song HWB #293 *God sends us the Spirit*

Postlude

Thursday noon Advent service and lunch

Friday 1:45 service at The Meadows

2:45 service at Cypress House

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: Bridgeway Community Church
- Mennonite Church Sask: Langham Mennonite Fellowship, no pastor at this time
- Ukraine / Russia
- a just peace in the Middle East

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.

Women in Mission banquet offering for MCC wells \$935.

Church Christmas Banquet on Saturday December 21 at 5 pm. Sign up on the sheet in the foyer. \$20 / plate, payable to the church office. **Deadline for purchasing is December 15.**

Coming Events:

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

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