



February 19th, 2023 9:30 a.m.

Transfiguration Sunday

Prelude Annie Schulz

Gathering Thoughts Jan Steven

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship, Prayer

Leader: The Lord rules over the earth in majesty and mystery.

People: We praise God's awesome name!

Leader: The Lord loves justice and calls us together in equity.

People: We come to honour God's purposes with love and loyalty.

Leader: The Christ of glory shines in this place.

All: With the Spirit's power, we will lift our voices in prayer and praise!

Hymn *Great is the Lord* HWB #87

Passing of the Peace

Offertory Prayer

Musical Reflection

Prayers of the People Jan Steven

Hymn *Immortal, invisible, God only wise* HWB #70

Scripture Reading Exodus 24:12-18 [OT p.70]

Women's Chorus *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Scripture Reading 2 Peter 1:16-21 [NT p.236]

Meditation "Day Dawning and Morning Star Rising"
Laur Steven

Hymn of Response *Lord, you sometimes speak* HWB #594

Benediction (Congregation please stand) Laur Steven

Sending Hymn *Spirit of the living God* HWB #349

Postlude

It is good to be together in worship this morning!
The ushers are pleased to help any who need assistance.

[Offering plate available on table at back of sanctuary]

♪ *Grace Singers* after the service in the Church Hall

GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday February 12th, 2023

Attendance – 55 Budget Offering – \$1,640.00

Sunday, February 26th – Worship Service [9:30 a.m.]

Speaker: Mac Plunkett

Scripture Texts (Focus texts highlighted): **Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7**; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; **Matthew 4:1-11**

♥ Pastoral Care Team (Grace Friends)

Have you ever thought, “No one ever phones me or visits me or brings me soup or sends me a card.” *That can change!* Let your Pastoral Care Chaplain – Jan Steven – know. Talk to me at church, by phone 289-990-4839, or by email janscats@gmail.com ♥

Please continue to hold Deborah and Harry Nickerson in your prayers.

Francine Ilunga requests prayer for her husband Theophile and their family for health and strength.

Please keep the family of Lena Williams in your prayers as she died on February 14th. More details will follow.

David and Lynda Brubacher will be on vacation from the evening of Monday, February 13 until Wednesday, February 22.

Waldo Pauls will be available for emergency care.

Offering Receipts: A reminder that your offering receipts for 2022 are in your church mailboxes. Please pick these up before the end of February. Any questions, please call or email Lorraine Sawatzky.

♪ **Women's Chorus** ~ Thursday, February 23rd, 9:30 a.m.

Annual Meeting and Coffee Time ~ After the Worship Service on **Sunday, February 26th** in the Church Hall.

ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD

Pleasant Manor Women's Auxiliary will continue to meet. They will be in contact with regular donating churches.



From Mennonite Church Eastern Canada (MCEC)

*Each week we pray for a faith community within the MCEC of congregations. This week we pray for **Wanner Mennonite Church**, Cambridge, ON. Kyoung Jung Kim and Danielle Raimbault provide pastoral leadership for the congregation and for Preston Mennonite Church. Pray for Wanner as they continue to seek God's leading for their congregation.



A Moment for MCC: Syria and Türkiye earthquake

A 7.8 magnitude earthquake and a 7.5 magnitude earthquake have hit Syria and Türkiye causing widespread damage and loss of life. MCC is accepting donations for a response. MCC is working with partners in Aleppo, Syria to provide emergency assistance such as food baskets, clothing, hygiene supplies, winterization supplies and water resources. MCC will also be providing partners with psychological and trauma training. Please keep the people of Syria and Türkiye in your prayers. MCC has joined the Humanitarian Coalition appeal for Türkiye & Syria. MCC is a member of the Humanitarian Coalition through Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

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Prayer: You Come to Us in the Broken Places

God of glory,
you took your friends with you
when you went to pray on the mountain.
You revealed to them
the glory of Jesus,
your beloved Son,
on his way to the cross.

We do not live on mountaintops,
but we, too, would glimpse your glory
in the ordinary days of our lives,
and in the community of your Son
in which you have chosen to dwell.

We look for you among people who have
no power
no rights
no voice.

We look for you among those who
live on the streets of our city,
whose housing is inadequate,
whose homes are not safe.

We look for you among those who
grieve a past that is no more
and fear a future that seems full of loss.

God who meets us
in the broken places,
shine the light of Christ deep into our lives,
so we may carry that light into dark places
and point to the One
whose brokenness is our salvation.