



February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 9:30 a.m.

*Epiphany*  
*"Come and See"*

**Prelude** Annie Schulz

**Gathering Thoughts** Mac Plunkett

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever?  
How long will you hide your face from me?

**People: How long must I wrestle with my thoughts  
and day after day have sorrow in my heart?  
How long will my enemy triumph over me?**

Leader: But I trust in your unfailing love;  
my heart rejoices in your salvation.

**All: *I will sing the Lord's praise,  
for he has been good to me.***

**Prayer**

**Hymn** *O God beyond All Praising* VT #814

**Passing of the Peace**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Women's Chorus** *Gravity of Love*

**Prayers of the People** Mac Plunkett

**Hymn** *The Love of God* VT #162

**Scripture Reading** Genesis 16:1-13 (OT p.12)

**Hymn** *Hope of Abraham and Sarah* VT #807

**Scripture Reading** John 20:11-16 (NT p.114)

<b>Meditation</b>	“Holy Hurt”	Pam Pauls
<b>Hymn of Response</b>	<i>May You Be Rooted and Grounded</i>	VT #396
<b>Benediction</b>		Pam Pauls
<b>Sending Hymn</b>	<i>You're Not Alone (Refrain)</i>	VT #779

## **Postlude**

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

[Offering plate is available on table at back of sanctuary]

*Coffee Time after the service in the Church Hall*

Adult Sunday School continues after church today. We will be considering Articles 7 and 8 of the *Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective*: "Sin" and "Salvation". All are welcome.  
Facilitator, Laur Steven

## **GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Sadly, Reg Faust** passed away earlier this week. Let's be in prayer for the Faust family in this time of loss.

**Your 2025 Charitable Receipt is now in your church mailbox.** Please let Lorraine Sawatzky know if you have any questions.

**Sunday February 8<sup>th</sup>** ~ Speaker: David Brubacher  
Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:13-20; Isaiah 58:6-9a

**Adult Bible Study** ~ Our study of 1 Timothy will resume on February 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, with 1 Timothy, chapters 4 and 5 respectively. Facilitator, Kevin McCabe

**Women's Chorus** ~ Thursdays: February 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am

**Coffee Times** ~ February 15<sup>th</sup>, February 22<sup>nd</sup> after the service

**Sunday February 15th** ~ We are welcoming Cesar Garcia, General Secretary of Mennonite World Conference, as guest speaker. Cesar Garcia had been scheduled to speak in the January 25<sup>th</sup> service that was cancelled due to the snowstorm.

**Ash Wednesday Service** ~ Wednesday February 18<sup>th</sup>, 11 am  
Annie Schulz, Linda Goertzen and Darrell Winger will be facilitating this 30 minute experience of music, poetry, readings, Scripture, silent reflection, and the imposition of ashes. This will be a simple but meaningful way to prepare for and enter into the season of Lent.

**Annual Reports** ~ Please submit annual reports for the Grace Annual Report Book, via email, to the church office (Ester Funk) by **Wednesday February 25<sup>th</sup>**. Contact the office for assistance if necessary, or if you wish to hand in a hard copy.

**Annual Meeting** ~ After the Worship Service on **Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>** in the Church Hall.

### ***ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD***

***Walking with Grace*** ~ A Bible Study Series

“New Testament Wisdom for the Journey”

**First & Third Wednesdays | Feb–April | 1–2 pm**

**Grace Linwell Lounge** (behind Grace Mennonite Church)



Please pray for the MCEC community of congregations.

This week we pray for **Cassel Mennonite Church** and for Josh Martin, who provides leadership to this community.

Pray for them as they follow Christ in ways of peace, love and justice and endeavour to service the needs of their community.

God of peace, we lift our world to You today, longing for healing where there is conflict and hope where there is fear. Calm anxious hearts, protect the vulnerable, and guide leaders and communities toward justice and reconciliation. May Your peace take root in us, that we might become instruments of Your compassion in our troubled world.

***Instructions for living a life:***

*Pay attention.*

*Be astonished.*

*Tell about it.*

From the poem, “Sometimes”, by Mary Oliver

**In Faith Today, January/February 2026 edition** there is an article written by John Longhurst "Sisters in ministry" featuring Annie Schulz and two of her sisters. Annie and her sisters have altogether served sixty-nine years as worship and music leaders in Ontario. The entire article is posted on our Grace bulletin board in the church foyer for you to read.



(From left) Ruth Wiebe, Esther Giesbrecht and Annie Schulz.

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### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven.  
 Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come.  
 Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread.  
 And forgive us our trespasses,  
 as we forgive those that trespass against us.  
 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory.

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