



February 2nd, 2025 9:30 a.m.

*Epiphany
Together in the Light*

Prelude

Annie Schulz

**Gathering Thoughts
Lighting the Christ Candle**

Laur Steven

Call to Worship

Leader: God comes into a world filled with uncertainties
and darkness.

People: God seeks out the voids of belief and conviction.

Leader: God embraces the wounded and broken.

People: God knocks down the walls of division and strife.

Leader: God is the candle shining in the darkness of our days.

People: God is the light of our lives.

Leader: God is the one who makes all things new.

All: Praise be to God, now and forevermore!

Epiphany Prayer Holy God, creator of light,
in your Son's incarnation you showed us yourself, face to face.
Surprise us with signs and wonders of your presence,
as you did long ago.
Send your Spirit to show us the path that leads to you,
so that we might see you more clearly,
love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly
through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn *God of our strength*

HWB #36

Passing of the Peace

Offertory Prayer

Musical Reflection

Prayers of the People

Hymn *Eternal Light, shine in my heart*

HWB #518

Scripture Reading Psalm 71:1-6 (OT p.532)

Hymn *Blessed Are You* From Voices Together #290

*Blessed are you, the poor ones; God calls the last and least.
Blessed are you, the hungry, for God prepares your feast.
Blessed are you who weep now, for mourning turns to praise.
Blessed are you who suffer, for God will guard your ways.*

Refrain: *The doors of heav'n are open,
and glory is shining through –
rejoice, rejoice, God is with us, and blessed, blessed are you.*

*Blessed are you, the poor ones, for God is poor with you.
Blessed are you, the hungry, for God knows hunger too.
Blessed are you who weep now, for God has shared your grief.
Blessed are you who suffer, for God will bring relief. **Refrain***

Scripture Reading Luke 4:21-30 (NT p.61)

Meditation "Yes, and so much more!" Darrell Winger

Hymn of Response *There's a wideness in God's Mercy*
HWB #145, vv.1,2,3

Benediction Darrell Winger

Sending Hymn *There's a wideness in God's Mercy*
HWB #145, vv.4,5

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

GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Irene Dell's & Elsie Pankratz's sister Agatha Devine passed away on Sunday, January 26, 2025 at the age of 97 years. She resided in Delhi, Ontario.

Are you concerned about a member of our church family? Maybe they haven't been here for a while. Why not give them a phone call? You can also let Pastor Darrell or Chaplain Jan know. ♡

OFFERING RECEIPTS: Your 2024 offering receipts are in your church mailboxes to be picked up. If any questions, please contact Lorraine (Treasurer).

Vacation ~ Pastor Darrell will be on vacation, February 5th to 10th. Please contact Jan, Annie or Ester in his absence if a need arises.

Upcoming events:

~ Ash Wednesday Service, March 5th at 11 a.m. at Grace Mennonite Church and at 6:30 p.m. at Linwell Church. We are partnering with Linwell Church for this meaningful way to begin the season of Lent.
~ Rev. Stephen Roy, MCC Ontario, Church and Community Relations Associate, is our guest speaker, March 16th.

Grace Arts ~ Do you have a craft or artwork that can be shared in our "Grace Arts" space in the lobby? We have many gifted people who work with wood, quilt, paint, draw, photograph, write poetry, etc! Would you be willing to display some of your work as a way of celebrating our church family and encouraging others? We are glad to help you display it appropriately in our Grace Arts space. Let Darrell or Ester know.

Sunday, January 26th ~ Attendance - 40

Sunday February 9th ~ Speaker: David Brubacher
Scripture Texts: **Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13)**; Psalm 138;
1 Corinthians 15:1-11; **Luke 5:1-11**

Coffee Times ~ February 16th, March 2nd, 16th, 30th

♪ **Women's Chorus** ~ Thursdays February 13th,
February 27th at 9:30 a.m.

Annual Reports ~ Please submit annual reports for the Grace Annual Report Book, via email, to the church office (Ester Funk) by **Wednesday February 19th**. 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 23rd** in the Church Hall

ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD

Westview Centre 4 Women would like to thank you all for another year of incredible support. Every kindness great or small is appreciated. We look forward to a new year with less upheaval and more settled for the beautiful community we serve. We could not do it without the ongoing support of friends like you. Thank you.



Please pray for the MCEC community of congregations. This week we pray for **Preston Mennonite Church**. Danielle Raimbault and KyongJung Kim provide pastoral leadership for this congregation. Pray for them in their mission to extend God's love through worship, hospitality and service.



A Moment for MCC – Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Canada is pleased to announce that Kenneth H. Kim has been appointed new MCC Canada executive director, effective March 3rd, 2025. Kim previously served as interim executive director of

World Renew for a year and a half, and director of disaster response for the same organization for seven years prior to that. He also served as a board member of Canadian Foodgrains Bank for 17 years, most recently as board chair. Through these roles, he has had many opportunities to interact with MCC staff and programs. Prior to his time with World Renew, Kim worked as director of Presbyterian World Service & Development. “We are elated to welcome Ken to MCC,” says Ron Ratzlaff, MCC Canada board chair. “Ken is a servant leader with a deep sense of commitment for God’s ministry of global justice.”

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.
For ever and ever. Amen.*

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