



February 5th, 2023 9:30 a.m.

***Eyewitnesses:
We have seen the glory of God!***

Prelude Ester Funk

Gathering Thoughts Jan Steven

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship, Prayer

Leader: Just as sunrise breaks through the darkness each day,

People: So God's grace, mercy and justice shine forth.

Leader: We gather together, with devotion and doubt,
with devotion and doubt, with weariness and wonder;

People: trusting that God's peace and love are present here.

Leader: Come and worship as you are, knowing you are loved.

All: We come, rejoicing, to praise God's holy name.

Hymn *To God be the glory* HWB #102

Passing of the Peace

Offertory Prayer

Musical Reflection

Prayers of the People David Brubacher

Hymn *Teach me, O Lord* HWB #487

Scripture Reading Psalm 112:1-9 [OT p.563]

Hymn *You are salt for the earth* HWB #226

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:13-16 [NT p.4]

Meditation "Light for All to See" David Brubacher

Hymn of Response *Between Darkness and Light* Grace Singers

Benediction (Congregation please stand) David Brubacher

Sending Hymn *Longing for Light*

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

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 NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday January 29th, 2023

Attendance – 39 Budget Offering – \$1,370.00

Sunday, February 5th – Worship Service [9:30 a.m.]

Speaker: Stephen Roy. He is Church and Community Relations Associate for MCC Ontario

Stephen has been part of the MCC Ontario team since 2021. He focuses on building and nurturing relationships between MCC and supporting churches. He comes from a background in faith-based post-secondary education as an academic administrator and instructor with over 30 years of experience. His education includes degrees in urban planning and theology. Stephen has an interest and involvement in charity leadership and governance, and serves on several church and ministry boards, including Be In Christ Church of Canada and The Canadian Centre for Christian Charities. Personal interests include watching soccer, reading historical fiction, or working on family history research. Stephen is married to Lyn and they have two adult children and one grandchild.

Scripture Texts(Focus texts highlighted): Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119;1-8; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37;
Isaiah 58: 1-14

♥ Pastoral Care Team (Grace Friends)

Happy Valentine's Day (a little early) from your Grace Friends! See Jan in the foyer after the service for your love note and your chocolate treats made by our secret baker! God loves you and we do too!

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

David Brubacher will be attending MDS meetings in Lancaster, PA from Wednesday, February 8 until Saturday, February 11. Doug Schulz will be available for emergency care.

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.

Quilting every Thursday at 9 am.

Women will be quilting (both tying and fine quilting) every week. We will teach you if you are interested. See Anne Dyck or Irmgard Penner.

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

♪ **Grace Singers** ~ February 19th, 10:30 a.m.

Coffee Time after the Service ~ February 12th, February 26th

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

ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD



From Mennonite Church Eastern Canada (MCEC)

*Each week we pray for a faith community within the MCEC of congregations. This week we pray for **Valleyview Mennonite Church**, London, ON. Marv Friesen provides pastoral leadership for the congregation. Pray for this family of faith as they worship God and to strive to live out and into the Gospel of Jesus Christ together.

*Continue to **pray for peace and wisdom in Ukraine, Russia and in places throughout our world where the people cry out for peace.** Lord, hear our prayers.



A Moment for MCC: What do you think of when you hear the word “Cuba”?

I confess, I thought of a sunny holiday – walking along a sandy beach... I did not know that MCC sends material resources to Cuba – and sometimes they are distributed with a horse and wagon! In 2022, the BIC Church of Cuba distributed MCC humanitarian aid to thousands of people across 10 provinces in Cuba through relief committees. The church leaders volunteered weeks of their time to distribute aid to the most vulnerable as the country continues to experience intense shortages of both food and hygiene items.

Prayer: Shine in Us

Perfect Light of revelation,
as you shone in the life of Jesus,
whose epiphany we celebrate,
so shine in us and through us,
that we may become beacons of truth and compassion,
enlightening all creation with deeds of justice and mercy.
Amen.

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