



January 12, 2025 9:30 a.m.

Together in the Light

Prelude

Annie Schulz

Gathering Thoughts

David Brubacher

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship*

Leader: As we join Jesus in the cleansing water of baptism,
and the troubled waters of our lives, God declares:

People: I will be with you!

Leader: When we go through refining fire and fire that
threatens us, God declares:

People: I will be with you!

Leader: When we travel to the far corners of the world and
the depths of our souls, God declares:

People: I will be with you!

Leader: So come, let us worship God whose love never fails,
whose presence never leaves and
whose mercies never end.

**All: *Jesus, Immanuel, God with us, waded into the
waters of baptism to prove yet again that God
is with us.***

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 is here among us

HWB #16

Passing of the Peace

Offertory Prayer

Musical Reflection

Prayers of the People

David Brubacher

Grace Singers *Crashing Waters at Creation*

*Living water, never ending, quench the thirst and flood the soul.
Wellspring, source of life eternal, drench our dryness,
make us whole.*

Scripture Reading Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (NT p.60)

Hymn *Of the Father's love begotten* HWB #104

Scripture Reading Acts 8:14-17 (NT p.126)

Meditation "The Two" Jan Steven

Hymn of Response *Jesus Christ Is Love Divine*

*Jesus Christ is love divine, love alive eternally.
Measureless in space and time, beyond words, a mystery.*

Refrain: *When we love, we move with Christ;
love in us has come alive.*

*By God's grace, love finds our heart; we receive it gratefully.
Yet the love that we impart reflects back imperfectly. Refrain*

*In our weakness, love persists. In our failures, love restores.
Love invites when we resist. We build walls; love opens doors.*

Refrain

*We give thanks for all the ways love is shaping us today.
Humbly we return our praise: ev'rything we do and say. Refrain*

Benediction Jan Steven

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

Postlude

*Adapted from a Church of Scotland worship resource

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]

Adult Sunday School following the service in the Fellowship Room

GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, January 5th ~ Attendance - 47

2025 is the 500th Anniversary of Anabaptism:

Sunday, January 19th, Rev. Doug Klassen, Executive Minister for Mennonite Church Canada, will be our guest speaker. January 19th is "Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday", giving us an opportunity to celebrate our relationship with our global church family, and to celebrate the 500th anniversary of Anabaptism. Doug will also be with us during coffee time, following the morning service, for further conversation and a time of Q and A.

Coffee Times ~ January 19th, February 2nd, February 16th

♪ **Women's Chorus** ~ Thursday January 16th at 9:30 a.m.
Thursday January 30th at 9:30 a.m.

Preaching Team Meeting ~ Wednesday, January 15 at 10 am.

Church Council Meeting ~ Wednesday, January 22 at 1:30 pm

ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD



*Please pray for the **MCEC community of congregations.**

This week we pray for **Petitcodiac Mennonite Church.** Gord Dreiger provides pastoral leadership for this congregation. Please pray for this congregation, the only MCEC congregation in New Brunswick.

*Lord, we lift up all who are suffering, especially those who are impacted by war around the world. May the light of Christ truly shine in the darkest corners, and may we all be instruments of God's peace. Surround the displaced with safety, provide strength to caregivers, and inspire leaders to pursue justice and peace. Let your peace take root in every nation, renewing hearts and guiding us toward reconciliation and an end to all violence.



A Moment for MCC - A New Era of Relief Work Begins! Join us for the Grand Opening of MCC's Meat Cannery in New Hamburg on January 18, 2025.

Celebrate the Grand Opening of MCC's new stationary meat cannery on Saturday, January 18, 2025! With this facility, we're doubling our production to feed over 50,000 cans of food annually to families in need worldwide.

Location: 65 Heritage Dr., New Hamburg, ON

Time: 1:45 PM - 4:00 PM

Come for the tours, enjoy the refreshments, and taste the impact of this incredible work. Let's mark this milestone together!

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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