



January 15th, 2023 9:30 a.m.

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

Prelude Annie Schulz

Gathering Thoughts David Brubacher

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship, Prayer

Leader: In the times of trouble,
when all seemed hopeless, I cried out to God.

People: And the Lord heard my pleas and answered me.

Leader: When I felt lost and alone, I looked for God.

People: And God found me and brought me home.

Leader: When my life was filled with joy and blessing,
I danced and praised God.

People: And God danced and rejoiced with me.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hymn *Fairest Lord Jesus* HWB #117

Passing of the Peace

Offertory Prayer

Musical Reflection

Prayers of the People David Brubacher

Hymn *Lord, with devotion we pray* HWB #79

Scripture Reading Psalm 40:1-5 [OT p.513]

Hymn *O come, all ye faithful* HWB #212 vv.1,2,4

Scripture Reading Mark 1:4-11 [NT p.34] Ester Funk

Meditation "As Simple as One, Two, Three" Kevin McCabe

Hymn of Response *We Have Seen the God of Glory*
Women's Chorus

Benediction

Kevin McCabe

Sending Hymn *Arise, Shine!*

*Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of God has risen upon you.
Go forth, share with the world your joy;
God's glory has been revealed!*

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 8th, 2023

Attendance – 47 Budget Offering – \$2,905.00

Sunday, January 15th [9:30 a.m.] Speaker: Jan Steven

Scripture Texts (Focus texts highlighted): **Isaiah 9:1-4**; Psalm 27:1,4-9; **1 Corinthians 1:10-18**; **Matthew 4:12-23**

Pastoral Care Team (Grace Friends)

After the service today, please pick up your month “love-note” – if you haven’t already. This one celebrates your Korean birthday – which happened on January 1st. You can enjoy birthday cupcakes – made by our secret baker – at coffee time!

Wednesday January 18th ~ 10 a.m. Preaching Team
2 p.m. Church Council

Thursday January 19th ~ 10 a.m. Worship Committee

Quilting Thursday, January 19th at 9 am.

Women will start quilting (both tying and fine quilting) this coming week. We will teach you if you are interested.

See Anne Dyck or Irmgard Penner.

♪ **Women's Chorus** ~ Thursday, January 26th at 9:30 a.m.

Coffee Time after the Service ~ January 29th

Annual Reports ~ Please submit annual reports for the Grace Annual Report Book, via email, to the church office (Ester Funk) by **Thursday January 26th**. 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, February 26th** in the Church Hall



ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD

The First Mennonite Church in Vineland is hosting a Portable CMU on February 3, 4 & 5.

Gerald Gerbrandt, President and Prof Emeritus from CMU is coming to speak on the subject of "The Art of Reading Scripture".



From Mennonite Church Eastern Canada (MCEC)

*Each week we pray for a faith community within the MCEC of congregations. This week we pray for **Toronto Mennonite New Life Church**. Pray for this congregation as they fix their eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal (2 Corinthians 4:18).

*Pray for those who have travelled to the **Philippines for the Learning Tour with MC Canada International Witness** from January 12-22, 2023. Pray also for Dann and Joji Pantoja as they receive guests and encouragement from Canada.

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



**A Moment for MCC: From cow manure to comforters.
Saving time and trees with a biodigester gives time for
making comforters.**

Mudombo used to spend many hours each week collecting wood that she needed to cook her family's dinner over an open fire. Dead wood is increasingly hard to find because of deforestation, so she and her friends walked long distances into remote and sometimes dangerous areas of the forest to find fuel.

But in 2022, Mennonite Central Committee's partner Score Against Poverty (SCORE) helped Mudombo and her husband, Elnathan Mboweni, get an underground biodigester on their farm in Joseph Village. Now, every day, one of them mixes cow manure with water and pours the mixture into the digester, which turns the manure into gas energy.



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