



January 1st, 2023 9:30 a.m.

New Year's Day Service

Prelude Annie Schulz

Gathering Thoughts Jan Steven

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship, Prayer

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise God in the heights!

**People: Praise the Lord, sun and moon;
give praise, all shining stars!**

Leader: Give praise, fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling God's command!

People: Give praise, hills and mountains.

Leader: All people together, let us praise the name of the Lord
and declare God's glory in heaven and on earth.

All: *Let us worship God!*

Hymn *Great is thy faithfulness* HWB #327

Passing of the Peace

Offertory Prayer

Musical Reflection

Memorial Service

Remembering Lyn Beckett, Sue Berg, Mark Froese,
Jake Hiebert, Ben Rempel, and Irene Seager

Hymn *Let hope and sorrow now unite* HWB #634, vv.1,3

Prayers of the People

Scripture Reading Ecclesiastes 3:1-13 [OT p.616]

Hymn *Time Propels Us like a Current* Back of the Bulletin

Scripture Reading Matthew 25:31-46 [NT p.29]

Meditation "Hope, Memory, and the Eternal Now" Laur Steven

Hymn of Response *O God, our help in ages past* HWB #328

Benediction Laur Steven

Sending Hymn *It came upon a midnight clear* HWB #195 v.1,6

*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 December 25th, 2022

Attendance – 27 Budget Offering – \$2,975.00

Sunday, January 8th [9:30 a.m.] Speaker: Craig Frere,
Interim Pastor at VUMC **Coffee Time** following the service.

Scripture Texts: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14;
Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

Please pray for **Erna Froese** and her family. Erna is now in palliative care.

Please continue to pray for **Deborah and Harry Nickerson**.

Pastor David Brubacher will be in Winnipeg for MDS meetings this week, leaving Tuesday evening and returning Thursday noon. Waldo Pauls is available for pastoral emergencies.

Pastoral Care Team (Grace Friends)

After church today, please pick up your January card and cupcake (made by our Secret Baker.) What are we celebrating? A Korean Birthday! In South Korea, your age changes the first day of the year – although you would celebrate on the actual day of your birth. A donation has been given to MCC's partner – First Steps – that provides soya milk to orphanages in North Korea. / Jan

♪ **Women's Chorus** – Thursday, January 12th at 9:30 a.m.

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 **Toronto Chinese Mennonite Church**. Brian Quan is a part of a pastoral team for growing ministries in the English, Cantonese and Mandarin groups.

*During this time continue to **pray for peace and wisdom in Ukraine, Russia and in places throughout our world where the people cry out for peace.**



A Moment for MCC: MCC in North Korea

For more than two decades, Mennonite Central Committee's (MCC) work in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK or North Korea) has responded to needs and hunger in the midst of a sensitive political climate. Projects include:

- Peacebuilding on both sides of the border: North and South Korea
- NK agriculturalists and farmers visiting an agricultural research station and a local farm in Manitoba
- Providing soya milk to children in orphanages and in schools
- Providing canned meat for thousands of people suffering from tuberculosis and hepatitis



Time Propels Us like a Current

*Time propels us like a current, yet it turns, a spinning sphere;
now a moment, then it passes,
gone like breath on frozen air.
Time is ours to mark and measure,
not to grasp, or understand.
Holy Presence, we receive it,
gift and myst'ry, from your hand.*

*At our ends and our beginnings, the Eternal One is there,
silent Voice, inviting Presence,
saying, "Now. The time is here.
Mortal one, you are beloved. I would walk this while with you.
Do not fear; stir up your spirit: I am making all things new."*

*Yet we fear, O God of Ages: still old evils wound and rage.
Fearsome voices, gaining power,
shout their hate from ev'ry stage.
You sang peace on waves of chaos,
ordered rhythms: nights and days.
Hone in us the skills of justice, sing in us your song of grace.*

*Teach us all the steps of kindness;
lead us in your holy dance,
keeping time with love eternal, living in your present tense.
Be for us the turning center, present Partner, steady Friend.
Love, compel us, lead us, joyful; faithful till the ages end.*

Tel: 905-935-6112 Email: gracemennonite@bellnet.ca

Office Hours: 8:30-2:30 ~ Wednesday, Thursday

www.gracemennonitechurch.com

www.facebook.com/gracemennonitechurchstcatharines

Office Administrator	Ester Funk	gracemennonite@bellnet.ca
Worship Coordinator	Annie Schulz	annieschulz@yahoo.ca
Lead Admin Pastor	David Brubacher 905-931-0828	Urgent Concerns, Funerals dbrubacher52@gmail.com
Pastoral Care Chaplain	Jan Steven 289-990-4839	Pastoral Care, Friendly Visits janscats@gmail.com