



January 8th, 2023 9:30 a.m.

Epiphany Sunday

Prelude Annie Schulz & Ester Funk

Gathering Thoughts Waldo Pauls

Lighting the Christ Candle



Call to Worship, Prayer

Leader: O God, by the leading of a star you revealed
your only Son in all his glory to the people of the earth.

**People: The manifestation of light and new life,
you are Emmanuel, God with us.**

Leader: Guide us into your presence,
where we may see your glory face-to-face.

**People: We bring our gifts of service, unity, and love
as a blessing to your kingdom.**

**All: Let all the earth adore you,
for you are the Lord of lords and the King of kings.**

Hymn *As with gladness men of old* HWB #218 vv.1,3,5

Passing of the Peace

Offertory Prayer

Musical Reflection

Prayers of the People Waldo Pauls

Hymn *Oh, beautiful star of Bethlehem* Back of the Bulletin

Scripture Reading Isaiah 60:1-6 [OT p.690]

Hymn *What Child is this* HWB #215 vv.1,3

Scripture Reading Matthew 2:1-12 [NT p.2]

Meditation "The Wise Seek the Wise" Craig Frere

Hymn of Response *Christ, whose glory fills the skies* HWB #216

Benediction Waldo Pauls

Sending Hymn *Joy to the world* HWB #318 vv.1,2

Postlude

Coffee Time following the service today

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 1st, 2023

Attendance – 48 Budget Offering – \$3,245.00

Sunday, January 15th [9:30 a.m.] Speaker: Kevin McCabe

Scripture Texts: Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11;

1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42; **Mark 1:4-1; Hebrews 1:1-4**

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

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

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!

Chaplain’s Corner ~ Are you looking to listen to a “Readers Digest” version of the Bible? I recommend “The Bible in A Year – Express” by Nicky Gumbel from Alpha. There will be episodes you agree with and those that you don’t. But you will always learn something new. I listen on podbead.com -<https://www.podbean.com/podcast-detail/8dfbk-213074/Bible-In-One-Year-Express-Podcast> – and here is their description:

“Take less than 15 minutes each day to cover the whole Bible in 365 days, with selected passages of scripture and a full commentary from Nicky and Pippa Gumbel. Drawing out a theme for each day from the designated Bible readings, Nick and Pippa’s thoughts on the Proverbs, Psalms and New and Old Testament excerpts are full on insight, wisdom and application”

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

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

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

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.

*Pray for those who are travelling 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.

*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 Zimbabwe, simple, eco-friendly technology opens opportunities for more time, income and empowerment for women.

The fuel-efficient stove in Ntombizodwa Mapfacha's dirt courtyard in Mwenezi District, Zimbabwe, doesn't look like a life-changing piece of technology. It looks like a 2-foot high, round metal can.

Nevertheless, this sturdy stove not only cooks a traditional, family-size meal of sadza (thick cornmeal) and beans. It also is empowering Mapfacha and other women in Mwenezi District.

No longer does Mapfacha have to walk six miles every other day to find firewood in the mountain, where she is wary of poisonous snakes and men who could take advantage of her in the remote area. The new stove cooks with just a few pieces of wood and dried corn cobs, which she can gather close to home.

"Empowerment is giving voice, giving opportunities for people to choose what they want to do," Pugenzi says. "Even to speak out for themselves confidently, access information. Explore the talents that they have."

O Beautiful Star



*Oh, beautiful star of Bethlehem,
shining afar thro' shadows dim,
giving a light for those who long have gone,
and guiding the wise men on their way
unto the place where Jesus lay,
beautiful star of Bethlehem, shine on.*

Refrain: *O beautiful star of Bethlehem,
shine upon us until the glory dawn;
oh give us thy light to light the way
into the land of perfect day;
beautiful star of Bethlehem, shine on.*

*Oh, beautiful star, the hope of light,
guiding the pilgrim thro' the night,
over the mountain till the break of dawn;
and into the light of perfect day
it will give out a lovely ray;
beautiful star of Bethlehem, shine on.*

Refrain

*Oh, beautiful star, the hope of rest,
for the redeemed, the good and blest,
yonder in glory when the crown is worn'
for Jesus is now the star divine;
brighter and brighter he will shine;
beautiful star of Bethlehem, shine on.*

Refrain

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