

LOOKING AHEAD

Wed., Dec. 13	9:30 - 11:00 am	Drop-in Neighbourhood Playgroup
Thurs., Dec. 14	6:30 pm	Hand Bell Rehearsal
Sun., Dec. 17 <i>Third Advent</i>	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Classes - Pre-Kindergarten to Adults Worship Service - Pastor Caleb
Tues., Dec. 19	9:30 am	Worship Ministry Meeting
Wed., Dec. 20	9:30 - 11:00 am 7:00 pm	Drop-in Neighbourhood Playgroup Blue Christmas Service at FOOTHILLS Mennonite
Thurs., Dec. 21	6:30 pm	Hand Bell Rehearsal
Sun., Dec. 24 <i>Fourth Advent</i>	9:15 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal (breakfast provided) Worship Service - Pastor Caleb Christmas Play Program
Mon., Dec. 25	—	No Service at First Mennonite Church

BEYOND FIRST MENNONITE

First Mennonite Church, together with Foothills Mennonite Church, is holding a Blue Christmas Service at Foothills Mennonite Church (2115 Urbana Road NW) on December 20 at 7:00 pm.

- This service is designed to provide space for prayer, reflection, and remembrance for the weary and for those who have experienced loss.
- Bring your weariness, bring your fatigue, bring your grief, and allow yourself a quiet space to reflect and draw nearer to God.

The Mennonite Church Alberta (MCA) featured congregation for December in the "A Window Into...Our Mennonite Congregations" series is Bergthal Mennonite Church. Learn more at: mcab.ca/windows2023

This Christmas, countless children and families are caught in conflict around the world. Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) invites you to share the peace of Christ with people spending Christmas in a war zone by giving the gifts of hope, comfort, and joy. To learn more about investing in a brighter future for those in need, visit: mcc.org/christmas

CALGARY FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023



"Comfort, Comfort" by Lauren Wright Pittman

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DECEMBER 10, 2023

SECOND ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

Prelude

Gathering

Hymn of Gathering Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming (VT #216)
Candle Lighting Liturgy (Projected)
Call to Worship (Projected)
Passing the Peace
Prayer of Illumination

Proclaiming

Hymn The First Noel, the Angel Did Say (VT #250) vv. 1 - 3
Children's Visio Divina
Old Testament Reading Isaiah 40: 1 - 11
Hymn of Proclamation Hope Is a Candle (VT #211)
Gospel Reading Luke 1: 24 - 45
Message Jenn Ratzlaff

Responding

Time of Reflection My Soul is Filled with Joy (Mary's Magnificat)
Congregational Response
Affirmation of Faith (Projected)
Sharing Our Joys & Concerns
Prayers of the People

Sending

Announcements
Benediction
Hymn of Sending Light Dawns on a Weary World (VT #205)
Postlude

Worship Leader: Erv Thiessen
Accompanist: Elsie Wiebe

Please place your offering into the collection box, located on the sound desk at the back of the sanctuary. Or, send your donations to Calgary First Mennonite Church through Interac e-Transfer to: treasurer@calgaryfirstmennonite.ca

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ~ 10:00 AM

Pre-kindergarten - Grade 2
Grades 3 - 6
Grades 7 - 12
Adults

Christmas Eve Program
rehearsals are underway
for all grades

Lower Sunday School Wing
Upper Sunday School Wing
Upper Sunday School Wing
No class today

PRAISE & PRAYER NOTES

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Contact the church office

HOW DOES A WEARY WORLD REJOICE?



This week the people in our Advent logo represent Mary and Elizabeth, reflecting each other's joy and weariness. The banner design, based off the logo and visible at the front of the church, incorporates circles to symbolize the pregnancies of the two women.

What else do you see that speaks to you about today's Scriptures?

First Mennonite Financial Summary as of November 30, 2023

Budget Line	Budget Amount (\$)	Actual Amount (\$)	% Complete
Operating Budget			
Income	\$270,400	\$218,586	81%
Transfers to Conferences	42,000	2,000	5%
Total Expenditures	270,400	215,077	80%
Net Income	0	3,509	
Capital Budget			
Income	5,000	4,583	92%
Total Expenditures	15,000	0	0%
Refugee Sponsorship			
Income	n/a	6,102	n/a
Total Expenditures	n/a	12,274	n/a
All Other Funds			
Income	n/a	30,796	n/a
Total Expenditures	n/a	55,252	n/a

Amount of income needed by December 31 to meet our annual budget: \$51,814