

## LOOKING AHEAD

TODAY	2:00 - 5:00 pm	Open House at Caleb and Triana's home
Sun., Dec. 18 <i>Fourth Advent</i>	10:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 -2:00 pm	Christmas Eve Program rehearsal Worship Service - Pastor Caleb Dress Rehearsal - lunch will be provided
Sat., Dec. 24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	5:30 pm	Christmas Eve Program - in-person & live Zoom
Sun., Dec. 25 <i>Christmas Day</i>	11:00 am	Christmas Day Worship Service
Sun., Jan. 1, 2023 <i>New Year's Day</i>	— 10:30 am 11:00 am	No Worship Service at First Mennonite Church Foothills Mennonite Church Worship Service Trinity Mennonite Church Worship Service

## BEYOND FIRST MENNONITE

To give the gift of hope around the world, phone the MCC office at: 403-275-6935; or view the online MCC Christmas Giving Catalogue at:

[mcccanada.ca/Christmas](https://mcccanada.ca/Christmas)

MCC Thrift has put together a free Christmas resource with ideas and tips to make the holiday season a little calmer. Get the resource at:

[thrift.mcc.org/peaceful-christmas](https://thrift.mcc.org/peaceful-christmas).

Mennonite Church Alberta (MCA) has produced an online Advent Calendar: 24 days of Advent, with a bonus page that you can open any time. For the link, go to:

[mcab.ca](https://mcab.ca)

Prepare for Advent and Christmas with gift-giving ideas from CommonWord online - fair-trade coffee, seasonal books, Indigenous gifts, and church resources. Go to:

[commonword.ca](https://commonword.ca)

# CALGARY FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022



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DECEMBER 11, 2022

THIRD ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

**Gathering**

Hymn of Gathering Hark! the Herald Angels Sing (VT #247)

Passing the Peace

Welcome and Opening

Call to Worship (see insert)

**Praising**

Hymn He Came Down (VT #239)

Candle Liturgy with Hymn O Come, O come, Immanuel (VT #210) vv. 1 & 7  
(see insert)

Reading from the Psalms Psalm 146: 5 - 10

**Proclaiming**

Children's Feature Christine Hansplant

Scripture Reading Luke 1: 46b - 55

Hymn With Mary Sing Magnificat (VT #208)

Message "What To Do With Mary"  
Jenn Ratzlaff

**Responding**

Time of Reflection "Mary Did you Know" (Lowry & Greene)  
performed by Natalie Ratzlaff & Elsie Wiebe

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People

**Sending**

Benediction

Hymn of Sending The First Noel, the Angel Did Say (VT #250)  
vv. 1, 2 & 3

Worship Leader: Erv Thiessen  
Accompanist: Elsie Wiebe

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ~ 10:00 AM

Preschool - Grade 6 Galilee (Lower Sunday School Wing)  
Grades 7 - 12 Christmas Eve Program Rehearsal  
Adult Book Study with Pastor Caleb Caleb's Office (Main Sunday School Wing)

PRAISE & PRAYER NOTES

Contact the church office  
for the redacted Notes.

Please keep Edmonton First Mennonite Church and Rachel Siemens in your prayers as they celebrate Rachel's Pastor Installation Service this morning.

**First Mennonite Financial Summary as of Dec 5, 2022**

Budget Line	Budget Amount (\$)	Actual Amount (\$)	% Complete
<b>Operating Budget</b>			
Income	\$261,200	\$238,908	91%
Transfers to Conferences	42,000	21,000	50%
Total Expenditures	261,200	225,200	86%
Net Income	0	13,708	
<b>Capital Budget</b>			
Income	5,000	4,583	92%
Total Expenditures	15,000	0	0%
<b>Refugee Sponsorship</b>			
Income	n/a	4,275	n/a
Total Expenditures	n/a	27,150	n/a
<b>All Other Funds</b>			
Income	n/a	14,853	n/a
Total Expenditures	n/a	15,822	n/a
Amount of income needed by December 31 to meet our annual budget:			\$22,292

HERE AT FIRST MENNONITE

Caleb and Triana are hosting an Open House TODAY, Sunday, December 11 from 2:00 - 5:00 pm. Anyone is welcome to drop by, relax, and enjoy some coffee and snacks.

There will be a dress rehearsal for the Christmas Play next Sunday, December 18 from 12:00 - 2:00 pm. Lunch will be provided.

There will be a Worship Service here at First Mennonite Church (FMC) on Sunday, December 25 at our usual time of 11:00 am. There will not be a Worship Service here at FMC on Sunday, January 1, 2023. However, if you are looking for a Mennonite Worship Service on January 1, you are invited to attend services either at Foothills Mennonite Church at 10:30 am or at Trinity Mennonite Church at 11:00 am.