

## LOOKING AHEAD

Fri., Dec. 24	5:30 pm	In-person and Zoom Christmas Eve Program
Sat., Dec. 25	—	No Christmas Morning Service at First Mennonite Church
Sun., Dec. 26	11:00 am	In-person & Zoom Joint Service at Trinity Mennonite Church
Sat., Jan. 15	2022	Deadline to email Annual Reports to the church office
Sat., Feb. 5	9:00 am	First Mennonite Church Annual General Meeting (AGM)

## BEYOND FIRST MENNONITE

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Material Resources is currently low on supplies for Hygiene Kits and School Kits. Please consider helping where you can by going to:  
[mccab.ca/kits](https://mccab.ca/kits)

Foothills Mennonite Church is sharing their Zoom Christmas Choir Program on December 19 at 6:30 pm and you are invited. Go to:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87431809503?wd=a0ZleGF3ZmxLUDhxeTlvTkhaaDhzUT09>  
**Meeting ID: 874 3180 9503**  
**Passcode: 397027**

Camp Valaqua is open for rentals for groups who are looking to book the camp, while following strict COVID-19 protocols. Contact Jeff at:  
**403-637-2510 or: [manager@campvalaqua.com](mailto:manager@campvalaqua.com)**

Serving and Learning Together (SALT) is a year-long, cross-cultural service experience for young adults to serve internationally. To learn more and to apply for placements, visit:  
[mcccanada.ca/get-involved/serve/volunteer/salt/assignments](https://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/serve/volunteer/salt/assignments)

## HERE AT FIRST MENNONITE

The deadline for each First Mennonite Church Ministry to email their Annual Reports to the church office is Saturday, January 15, 2022. Send your Report:

- as an attachment, in Microsoft Word, not as a pdf
- Arial font, size 12
- please detail what the Ministry did through the year
- what the Ministry plans are for the coming year
- list the Ministry members and who wrote the Report

Please mark your calendar:  
the First Mennonite Church Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place on  
Saturday, February 5 at 9:00 am.

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# CALGARY FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021



"Blessed is the Child You Will Bear" by Wayne Forte

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DECEMBER 19, 2021

FOURTH ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

**Gathering**

Call to Worship

Hymn Away in a Manger (VT #257)

Opening Words of Welcome

Invocational Prayer

**Praising**

Hymn Oh Beautiful Star of Bethlehem (Projected)

Candle Litany Lighting by Gert and Dora Janssen

**Proclaiming**

Scripture Luke 1: 39 - 55  
Teyo Kostanecki

Message Pastor Caleb

**Responding**

Hymn My Soul is Filled with Joy (Projected)  
vv. 1, 2, 3 & 5

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

Offering

Hymn We Come (VT #225)

Sharing our Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People

**Sending**

Hymn O Come , All Ye Faithful (VT #241)  
vv. 1, 2 & 3

Benediction

**Worship Leader:**

Moni Janssen

**Musicians:**

Henry Bergen (guitar), Jade Janssen (ukulele), Jenn & Natalie Ratzlaff (guitar & violin)

**PRAISE & PRAYER NOTES**

**Contact the church office for details on the redacted Notes**

**FIRST MENNONITE FINANCIAL SUMMARY AS OF NOV 30**

Budget Line	Budget Amount (\$)	Actual Amount (\$)	% Complete
Operating Budget			
Income	256,800	208,253	81
Transfers to Conferences	42,000	43,400	100
Total Expenditures	256,800	227,265	88
Net Income	0	-19,012	
Capital Budget			
Income	5,000	4,583	92
Total Expenditures	15,000	0	0
Refugee Sponsorship			
Income	n/a	11,000	n/a
Total Expenditures	n/a	0	n/a
All Other Funds			
Income	n/a	11,219	n/a
Total Expenditures	n/a	13,351	n/a

As we approach the end of the year, we need \$48,000 to meet our budgeted income for 2021. We currently have a deficit of \$19,000, which has been drawn out of our reserves. Please consider a year end donation to our church and pray that we have the means to meet our budget this year.

**DECEMBER 26 JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE**

On Sunday, December 26, we will join Trinity Mennonite Church for our time of worship. This joint service will take place at our regular time of 11:00 am and will be hosted by Trinity Mennonite Church in their building (32023 232 Avenue West, Foothills No. 31, AB). Or, join us live over Zoom using our regular Zoom link.

Pastor Will Loewen will be leading worship, Pastor Caleb will be preaching, and Elsie will be our accompanist.

Our usual COVID-19 regulations will be followed during worship (masking, social distancing, and 1/3 fire code occupancy).

We look forward to this time of joining with our brothers and sisters at Trinity Mennonite Church and encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity.