

LOOKING AHEAD

Tonight	5:00 pm	Christmas Play Program
Mon., Dec. 25	—	No Service at First Mennonite Church
Wed., Dec. 27	9:30 - 11:00 am	Drop-in Neighbourhood Playgroup
Sat., Dec. 30	10:00 am	Hilda Klassen Funeral here at FMC
Sun., Dec. 31	— 11:00 am	No Sunday School Classes Today Christmas Carol Hymn Sing with Communion
Wed., Jan. 3 2024	11:00 am	Laura Dyck Memorial Service
Sat., Jan. 6	1:00 pm	Alfred Janz Memorial Service here at FMC
Sun., Jan. 7	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Classes - Pre-Kindergarten to Adults Worship Service - Rev. Jean Morris
January 18	—	Annual Reports due
February 10	TBA	Annual General Meeting (AGM)

BEYOND FIRST MENNONITE

The Mennonite Church Alberta (MCA) featured congregation for December in the “A Window Into...Our Mennonite Congregations” series is Bergthal Mennonite Church. All 12 MCA congregations were featured in the 12 months of 2023. 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, visit: mcc.org/Christmas

MCC Gaza Crisis Response: MCC will continue to work with partners in both Palestine and Israel toward a just peace for all. We welcome donations to support our response to the current crisis. To learn more and to give, visit: mcc.org/palestine-israel

CALGARY FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023



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DECEMBER 24, 2023

FOURTH ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

Prelude

Gathering

Hymn Love Has come (VT #258)
Candle Lighting Liturgy Nathan and Tessa Burgess
Passing the Peace
Call to Worship (Projected)

Proclaiming

Hymn Now the Heavens Start to Whisper (VT #237)
Children's Visio Divina
Prayer of Illumination
First Gospel Reading Luke 1: 46 - 55 read by Eugena Lee
Hymn My Soul Cries Out (VT #412)
Second Gospel Reading Luke 1: 67 - 80 read by Henry Dick
Message Pastor Caleb

Responding

Time of Reflection An arrangement of O Come, O Come Emmanuel
(by request)
Congregational Response
Affirmation of Faith (Projected)
Sharing Our Joys & Concerns
Prayers of the People

Sending

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

Worship Leader: Lisa Burgess
Accompanist: Elsie Wiebe

CHRISTMAS PLAY DRESS REHEARSAL - 9:15 AM

All students are asked to meet at 9:15 am for the Christmas Eve Play Dress Rehearsal.
Breakfast will be provided.

PRAISE & PRAYER NOTES

Redacted.

**Contact the church
office for details.**

Please remember to continue to pray for all those who are ill, seeking medical assistance, or are in recovery.

HERE AT FIRST MENNONITE

Remember to return to First Mennonite Church (FMC) this evening at 5:00 pm for the Christmas Eve Christmas Program.

There will not be a Christmas Day Service here at FMC on Monday, December 25.

Ed & Gay Kauffman extend their Christmas greetings to all of us.

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

HOW DOES A WEARY WORLD REJOICE?



The people in the logo this week can represent the singers of the two songs of joy, Mary & Zechariah, as they both sing songs of praise to the Lord.

In the banner design, we see Mary's hands folded in prayer as she lifts up her praise to the Lord.

What else can you see in the banner that reflects your impressions of today's scriptures?