

LOOKING AHEAD

Wed., Jan. 3 2024	9:30 am 11:00 am	Laura Dyck Graveside Service at Mountain View Cemetery Laura Dyck Memorial Service at First Mennonite Church
Sat., Jan. 6	1:00 pm	Alfred Janz Memorial Service at First Mennonite Church
Sun., Jan. 7	10:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm	Sunday School Classes - Pre-Kindergarten to Adults Worship Service - Rev. Jean Morris Tobogganing or board games (weather dependent)
Mon., Jan. 8	7:30 pm	Deacons' Meeting over Zoom
Wed., Jan. 10	9:30 am	Drop-in Neighbourhood Playgroup
Thurs., Jan. 11	7:30 pm	Council of Church Ministries' Meeting over Zoom
Sun., Jan. 14	— 5:00 pm	**No Sunday School or morning Worship Service** Evening Vesper Service
January 18	—	Deadline for Annual Reports - email to church office
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 Berghal 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

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CALGARY FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023



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DECEMBER 31, 2023

CHRISTMAS CAROL HYMN SING ~ 11:00 AM

Prelude
Hymn O Come, All Ye Faithful (VT #241)
Call to Worship (Projected)
Prayer for Illumination
Passing the Peace
Hymn Congregational Choice
Special Music The First Noel
Henry Bergen & Richard Gorecki
Hymn Angels We Have Heard on High (VT #249)
Affirmation of Faith (Projected)
Hymn Congregational Choice
Hand Bells Silent Night
Scripture Luke 2: 21 - 38
Hymn Holy Child within the manger (STS #28)
Sharing Our Joys & Concerns
Communion
Distribution of the Bread What Child is This
Henry Bergen & Elsie Wiebe
Distribution of the Wine Music by Elsie
Prayers of the People & Prayer of Thanksgiving
Hymn Helpless and Hungry with What Child Is This
(VT #268 and #267)
Benediction
Hymn Joy to the World (VT #240)
Postlude

Worship Leader: Jenn Ratzlaff
Accompanist: Elsie Wiebe



Following the service, everyone is invited
downstairs for Coffee Time.



NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES TODAY

PRAISE & PRAYER NOTES

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Contact the church office
for details.

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

HERE AT FIRST MENNONITE

Everyone is welcome to join the Kids' Group for tobogganing on the Richmond Green Hill after church on Sunday, January 7th. Bring a lunch for yourself (not potluck) and we'll eat together in the church before heading out! If there isn't enough snow, we'll stay at the church and enjoy card games and board games together. Christine will bring a selection of games and you're also welcome to bring a family favourite game to teach to the group.

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:

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