

LOOKING AHEAD

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| Sat., Dec. 10 | 5:00 pm | Christmas Banquet at First Mennonite Church |
| Sun., Dec. 11 <i>Third Advent</i> | 10:00 am 11:00 am 2:00 - 5:00 pm | Christmas Eve Program rehearsal Worship Service - Jenn Ratzlaff Open House at Caleb & Triana Kowalko'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 for Christmas Play - lunch provided |

BEYOND FIRST MENNONITE

Villages Calgary is holding a fundraising shopping event today, in partnership with Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Alberta. Shop online using code MCC10, and 10% of the proceeds will be donated to MCC Alberta:

villagescalgary.ca

The Camp Valaqua Gift Catalogue is available for you to order your camp swag:

camp-valaqua.square.site

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

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.

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

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

CALGARY
FIRST MENNONITE
CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022



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DECEMBER 4, 2022

SECOND ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

Gathering

Hymn Prepare the Way! The Prophet Called (VT #220)
Passing the Peace
Opening Words
Call to Worship

Praising

Hymn Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming (VT #216)
Candle Liturgy with Hymn O come, O come, Immanuel (VT #210)
vv. 1 & 2
Reading from the Prophets Isaiah 11: 1 - 10
Hymn Now the Heavens Start to Whisper (VT #237)

Proclaiming

Children's Feature "A Shepherd Remembers"
Christine Hansplant
Scripture Reading Romans 15: 4 - 13
Message Pastor Caleb

Responding

Time of Reflection "Between Darkness and Light"
Sharing Our Joys & Concerns
Prayers of the People

Sending

Benediction
Hymn Hope is a Candle (VT #211)

Worship Leader: Lisa Burgess
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*

As Christmas approaches, pray for the children, grandchildren, and families of Mennonite Church Canada Witness Workers who will not spend Christmas with their family members. Consider reaching out to our Witness Workers and their families to thank them and encourage them in their work.

CHRISTMAS BANQUET & SILENT AUCTION

Please join us for our Annual Christmas Banquet on Saturday, December 10 starting at 5:00 pm. We will be serving appetizers and desserts, made by our youth and families. Tickets are available in the church foyer or by contacting Birgitt or Karen.

Donations are urgently needed for the Silent Auction. The proceeds from the Auction will go toward projects for our children & youth. If you have a new or homemade item that you would like to donate to the Silent Auction, please contact Karen as soon as possible.

HERE AT FIRST MENNONITE

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

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redacted announcement.*

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