

## LOOKING AHEAD

Tues., Dec. 7	7:00 pm	Council of Church Ministries Meeting over Zoom
Sat., Dec. 11	6:00 - 7:00 pm	Dessert, Coffee, and Silent Auction in-person event
Sun., Dec. 12	11:00 am	Third Sunday of Advent Worship Service - Pastor Caleb
Sun., Dec. 19	11:00 am	Fourth Sunday of Advent Worship Service - Pastor Caleb
Fri., Dec. 24	TBA	In-person and Zoom Christmas Eve Program

## BEYOND FIRST MENNONITE

Mennonite Church Alberta (MCA) has created a digital Advent Calendar for you.  
Go to: [www.mcab.ca](http://www.mcab.ca)

Camp Valaqua is open for rentals for groups who are looking to book the whole camp, while following strict COVID-19 protocols. Smaller spaces (white house, brown house, yurts) are available for a perfect family getaway.

Contact Jeff at: 403-637-2510 or: [manager@campvalaqua.com](mailto:manager@campvalaqua.com)

Mennonite Church Alberta (MCA) North Edmonton Ministry (NWM) invites you to explore the series, "Peacemakers Confessing Christ - Framework for Interfaith Dialogue and Witness" on Saturday, December 11 from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm at Trinity Mennonite Church (32023 232 Avenue W, DeWinton, AB T1S 4A9). Snacks provided, bring a bag lunch. Restriction Exemption Program requires proof of vaccination and the use of masks.

More details are available at: [mcab.ca/events](http://mcab.ca/events)

Join Canadian Mennonite University (CMU) online on Saturday, December 11 at 7:00 pm (CST) for the live Christmas at CMU program. Christmas favourites will be performed by a variety of CMU's music ensembles. To watch the free video live, or anytime later, go to: [cmu.ca/christmas](http://cmu.ca/christmas)

The Rosthern Junior College (RJC) Christmas Concert will take place on Wednesday, December 15 at 7:00 pm (SK CST). Join us livestreamed as we celebrate the Christmas season with music and performances by students and staff.

Livestream at: [rjc.sk.ca](http://rjc.sk.ca)

# CALGARY FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2021



Quilt by Ellen Lindner: "Reconciliation"

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## SECOND ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

Hymn of Gathering	It Came upon a Midnight Clear (VT #248)
Passing the Peace	
Opening Words	
Call to Worship	
Invocational Prayer	

Hymn of Praise	Comfort, Comfort, O My People (VT #212)
Hymn of Proclamation	Now the Heavens, Start to Whisper (VT #237)
Candle Litany	(Opposite Page in Bulletin)

Scripture Reading	Luke 1: 68 - 79 Birgitt Thiessen
Message	Jenn Ratzlaff

Hymn of Confession Longing for Light (VT #715)

Advent Confession and Assurance  
Offering  
Sharing our Joys & Concerns  
Prayers of the People

Benediction	
Hymn of Blessing	Come and Fill Our Hearts (VT #52)

Worship Leader: Lisa Burgess  
Accompanist: Elsie Wiebe

## PRAISE & PRAYER NOTES

Please contact the church office for  
this redacted prayer concern.

Please pray for Mennonite Church Canada Witness Workers, Werner & Joanne De Jong as they live with the uncertainty of their January 17 date of departure to serve at Meserete Kristos Seminary in Ethiopia.

CANDLE LITANY

Leader:	We light a candle of peace. And we Imagine:
People:	<b>God's tender mercy, God's compassion.</b>
Leader:	We light the candle of peace to feel God's embrace, God's nearness, God's breath.
People:	<b>Imagine that ... we are God's wonders, blessed wonders.</b>

HERE AT FIRST MENNONITE

Blank cards are available in the foyer for you to express your thanks to those working in or with Alberta Health Services for all that they have done during this pandemic. Place your cards in the labelled box and they will be distributed to those individuals in our congregation who are working in the health profession.

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

Christmas Dessert, Coffee, and Silent Auction on December 11 from 6:00 - 7:00 pm

We will be celebrating Christmas this year with an in-person  
Dessert, Coffee, and Silent Auction event.  
Many of the delicious desserts will be made by our youth and families.  
Please consider supporting this event either by attending in-person  
or by contributing an item for the Silent Auction.  
Cost is \$10.00 per person.  
The proceeds from the Silent Auction will go to support Camp Valaqua.  
You may purchase your ticket at church today or by contacting Karen Janz.  
Please let Karen know if you can contribute an item for the Silent Auction.

COVID-19 protocols will be followed at the event.  
Remember to bring your QR code.