

Looking Ahead

Sun., Dec. 1 <i>First Advent</i>	6:30 pm	Advent Hymn Sing here TONIGHT
Wed., Dec. 4	9:30 am 7:30 pm	Drop-in Neighbourhood Playgroup Deacons' Meeting
Thurs., Dec. 5	7:30 pm	Council of Church Ministries
Fri., Dec. 6	6:30 pm	Joint Youth Event at Foothills Mennonite Church
Sat., Dec. 7	5:00 pm	Annual Christmas Banquet here at First Mennonite Church
Sun., Dec. 8 <i>Second Advent</i>	10:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Christmas Play Rehearsal Adult Sunday School in Pastor Caleb's office Worship Service - Pastor Caleb
Wed., Dec. 11	9:30 am	Drop-in Neighbourhood Playgroup
Dec. 13 - 15	---	Youth away at Camp Valaqua Retreat
Sun., Dec. 15 <i>Third Advent</i>	10:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Christmas Play Rehearsal Adult Sunday School in Pastor Caleb's office Worship Service - Pastor Caleb
Tues., Dec. 24	6:00 pm	Christmas Eve Program and Play
Wed., Dec. 25	11:00 am	Christmas Morning Service



Calgary
First
**Mennonite
Church**

Sunday, December 1, 2024



A Candle in the Dark by Margo Ratzlaff

This candle represents hope.
The hope of light to come,
the hope of the coming
Light of the World.

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Camp Valaqua

On Saturday, December 7 at 12:30 pm.,
Camp Valaqua is hosting a lunch and program
to celebrate our long time Camp Manager, Jeff Schellenberg.
We will share a meal and a program.
Please RSVP to:
info@campvalaqua.com

Do you have a camper on your Christmas shopping list?
Camp Valaqua's merchandise is now available!
Choices include Camp Valaqua branded: stickers, socks, pens, water bottles,
calendars, hats, mugs, ornaments, and hoodies.
Prices range from \$3.00 - \$50.00.
Go to the Camp Valaqua website and click on "Camp Merch Sales" at:
campvalaqua.ca

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First Advent Worship Service ~ 11:00 am

Prelude

Gathering

Hymn We Come (VT #225)

Opening Words

Call to Worship

Candle Lighting

Hymn Hope Is a Candle (VT #211) verse 1

Receiving

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 33: 14 - 16a

Hymn Now the Heavens Start to Whisper (VT #237)

Children's Feature Lisa Burgess

Scripture Reading Luke 21: 25 - 36

Message Jenn Ratzlaff

Responding

Time of Reflection

Prayer of Confession & Words of Forgiveness

Hymn Bless'd Be the God of Israel (VT #223)

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People

Sending

News & Announcements

Benediction

Hymn Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (VT #218) verse 1

Postlude

Worship Leader: Moni Janssen
Accompanist: Elsie Wiebe

If you have brought an offering today, please place it in the offering box on the sound desk. If you would prefer, you can send your donations to Calgary First Mennonite Church via Interac e-Transfer to:

treasurer@calgaryfirstmennonite.ca

Sunday School Classes ~ 10:00 am

Pre-kindergarten - Grade 1	(First & Third Sundays)	Lower Sunday School Wing
Grades 2 - 6	(First & Third Sundays)	Upper Sunday School Wing
Grades 7 - 12	(First & Third Sundays)	Upper Sunday School Wing
Worship Band Rehearsal	(Second & Fourth Sundays)	Sanctuary
Adult		Caleb's Office (Main Floor Sunday School Wing)

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Creator, hope for the hopeless,
you have given us so much to hope for.

We confess that we see signs of change
we are often filled with hopes for ourselves.

We hope for things that will ease our own burden,
and we sometimes forget to hope for a groaning world.

We need your help to dream of hope for all those who can't see any hope today.

Forgive us as our inability to hope wider than ourselves
as we anticipate your coming in Hope.

Amen.

Annual Advent Hymn Sing

Tonight at 6:30 pm is the Annual Advent Hymn Sing
here in our sanctuary.

Along with members from other Calgary Mennonite Churches,
we will sing together, hear the Foothills Mennonite Church Choir,
raise money for the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)
and enjoy fellowship.

Please bring some sweet or savoury finger food to share afterwards.

First Mennonite Church (FMC) Christmas Banquet
& Silent Auction

Join us next Saturday, December 7 at 5:00 pm
for our Annual Christmas Banquet.
The Silent Auction will be a fundraiser
for the 2025 FMC Youth Mission Trip to Guatemala.
Contact Karen for Banquet tickets
and contact Jenn for the Silent Auction.

Tickets: \$20.00 for ages 11+ and \$5.00 for ages 5-10.