

## Looking Ahead

Wed., April 16	9:30 am	Drop-in Neighbourhood Playgroup
Thurs., April 17	7:00 pm	Tenor & Bass Chorus Rehearsal
<b>Fri., April 18</b> <i>Good Friday</i>	10:00 am	<b>Joint Good Friday Service with Communion</b>
<b>Sun., April 20</b> <i>Easter Sunday</i>	10:00 am 11:00 am	<b>Easter Worship Service - **Note earlier start time**</b> <b>Easter Potluck Lunch</b>
Wed., April 23	9:30 am 6:30 pm	Drop-in Neighbourhood Playgroup Inclusive Social Gathering (ASD Group) *Note date change*
Fri., April 25	6:30 pm	Youth Event at Foothills Mennonite Church
Sun., April 27	10:00 am 10:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm	Worship Band Rehearsal Baptism Class in Pastor Caleb's office Adult Sunday School in Lower Hall Board Room Worship Service - Tim Wiebe-Neufeld Coffee Time
April 29-May 1	---	Pastor Caleb at Pastors' Retreat in Cochrane
Wed., April 30	9:30 am	Drop-in Neighbourhood Playgroup
Sat., May 3	TBA TBA	First Mennonite Church Annual Highway Clean-up Fundraiser CMHS Senior Recitals at First Mennonite Church
May 3 - May 11	----	Youth Learning Tour to Guatemala
May 10	TBA	Camp Valaqua Work Day
<b>June 20 - 22</b>	---	<b>First Mennonite Church Annual Retreat at Camp Valaqua</b>

### Beyond First Mennonite

Have you considered writing your congregation, your regional church, or Mennonite Church Canada as a beneficiary of your estate or will? See the Legacy Gift poster and brochures on the bulletin board in the foyer for more information or go to:  
[mennonitechurch.ca/legacygifts](http://mennonitechurch.ca/legacygifts)

### Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)

MCC is looking for donations and volunteers for the May 31 Relief Sale being held at the Bergthal Event Centre. Please see the posters and the donation submission forms located on the bulletin board in the church foyer or go to:  
[mcc.org/events/albertareliefsale](http://mcc.org/events/albertareliefsale)

In the wake of the magnitude 7.7 earthquake that struck Myanmar, MCC will be working with local partners to provide immediate medical needs, food and water. The situation is made more complicated by ongoing conflict and civil war. Donations to provide emergency relief to families in Myanmar can be made at:  
[mcc.org/myanmar](http://mcc.org/myanmar)



Sunday, April 13, 2025



"The Choice" by Lauren Wright Pittman

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April 13, 2025  
Worship Service ~ 11:00 am

**Gathering**

Hymn *Jesus is Coming (VT #312)*  
*Children's Palm Branch Processional*

Passing the Peace

News & Announcements

Opening Words

Call to Worship

Invocational Prayer

**Receiving**

Hymn *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (VT #313)*

Psalm Psalm 118: 1-2 & 19–29

Children's Feature Margo Ratzlaff

Hymn *All Glory, Laud, and Honor (VT #315)*

Scripture Reading Luke 19: 28 - 40

Message I love a Parade  
Jenn Ratzlaff

**Responding**

Time of Reflection

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People

Tenebrae

Benediction

Hymn *Ride on, Ride On in Majesty (VT #316)*

Worship Leader: Richard Gorecki  
Accompanist: Elsie Wiebe

If you have brought an offering today, please place it in the offering box on the sound desk. Or, you can send your donations to Calgary First Mennonite Church via Interac e-Transfer to:  
[treasurer@calgaryfirstmennonite.ca](mailto: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)

Praise & Prayer Notes

As a global church we want to continue to surround our brothers and sisters in Myanmar in prayer, both for recovery from the devastating earthquake and for God's peace to prevail amidst the violence of civil war.

Urgent prayers are requested for the deteriorating situation in South Sudan. Ongoing violent confrontations threaten to plunge the country back into civil war. Rueben Tut (pastor of Edmonton South Sudanese Mennonite Church) reports that communication is limited leaving people in fear for the safety of their relatives and friends.

MCA invites us to pray for the Community Building & Program Committee as they work to build community and celebrate how God is working in our MCA churches.

Here at First

Church office hours until April 25th will be Tuesdays & Fridays from 9:00 am to noon. You will also be able to access the church during the regular weekly Drop-in Neighbourhood Playgroup (Tot Group) sessions, each Wednesday from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Please ring the doorbell if the door is locked.

Do you have an idea for an event or initiative that our Outreach and Service Ministry can take-on or support? If so, please reach out to Jenn Ratzlaff at [outreach@calgaryfirstmennonite.ca](mailto:outreach@calgaryfirstmennonite.ca)

New books from the CommonWord borrowing program are now available in the foyer. If you would like to borrow one simply fill out a paper slip and place it in the box on the left-hand shelf. The suggested borrowing time is three weeks with all books due back by May 11th.

Easter Sunday—April 20, 2025

**Our Easter Sunday celebrations next week will begin with service starting at 10 am (please note the earlier start time)!**

**We will continue to celebrate with a time of fellowship at our Easter Potluck!**

**Please bring a favourite Easter dish, sweet or savoury or Paska, to share. Everyone is Welcome!**