

<u>This Week at MRMC</u>		
Tuesday	5:30 pm	Strategic Planning Team Meeting
	7:00 pm	Spiritual Care
Wednesday	7-8 pm	AA Meeting in Basement
Thursday	10:30am	Baby Boomers +
Sunday	10:00 am	Worship Service via Zoom

Thought for the week

"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be a better light, and safer than a known way."

"In the evening, we will be judged on love."
[St John of the Cross]

Announcing!

Giving by Interac e-transfer is now available. See the church website "Get Involved / Giving" for more information.

<https://moutroualmennonite.org/getinvolved/giving>

Today's Service

Worship Leader: Len A

Song Leader: Val R

Pianist: Monica D

Video: Darrell B

Welcome to Mount Royal Mennonite Church

Learning to live - through relationships with Jesus,
our neighbours and each other

Worship Service 10:00 am

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Prelude

Announcements

Silence

ADVENT: A Mighty River of the Spirit

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Mark H

We Sing

O little town of Bethlehem (v4)

HWB #191

Call to Worship

Prayer

We sing

Come, O come Immanuel (v1,3,5)

HWB #172

Psalm 85

Len A

Offering

Story for all ages

Mark H

We Sing

Christ, whose glory fills the skies

HWB #216

Scripture

Isaiah 40: 1-11

Len A

Matthew 1: 18-25 Sharon and Sunday School

Sermon

'Who needs Joseph, anyway'

Garth E F

Hymn of Response

Holy Child within the manger

StS #28

Peace Lamp

Sharing our stories

Sharing our prayers

Sending song

He came down

StJ #31

Sending words

Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Postlude

Joys & Concerns

- **Pray for:** *Kelly and Pam J, Alex and Joel S, Hedio B, Maureen G, Betty U, Nettie and Roy W, Marg W*
- **Families of the week:** *Erwin and Tena S, Wade and Shelia P, Eileen W*
- Our offering last Sunday was \$3,256, received with joy and thanksgiving for all that God is doing here and in our community.
- Please pray for the staff and volunteers of **CoSA (Circles of Support and Accountability) South Saskatchewan** as they seek to provide support to previously incarcerated offenders, resulting in living a crime-free, victim-free, productive life in the community.

MRCM Coming Events and Notes

- **Operation Potato Peeler:** If you would like further info please go to the MRCM website <https://mountroyalmennonite.org/missions-and-service/#mission-service>. The total raised including MDS and MC Sask donations so far is \$ 5,445!
- The **Creation Care blog** is now accessible by getting onto the **Mount Royal Mennonite Church** website, go to **Get Involved** and then to **CreationCare blog**. Thank you to all who have already submitted your creation care practices. If you would like to share yours, please send it to Claire, and she will make sure it gets onto the website. It makes for very good reading!
- **Dec 16:** Friends, we are pleased to inform you that the **Saskatoon Public Schools Foundation** will be using our **multi-purpose room on December 16** to prepare **Cheer Crates** or hampers for distribution in our community. With the use of two other sites, up to 600 hampers will be created. Each "crate" will contain food items, including fresh produce, hand sanitizers and games and puzzles. This will be the fourth distribution of this nature since the pandemic shut-downs began in March. The staff from various inner city schools will then distribute the Cheer Crates to the homes of recipient families. We are so grateful for the opportunity to participate in making Christmas easier and more fun for families in Saskatoon. SPSF is looking for volunteers to help with packaging during the day. Please contact Claire if you can help between 8:30a.m. and 3:30p.m.
- **Dec 16:** PCRC Meeting. Please contact Gwen, Travis, RaeLynn or Dave if there are any concerns or topics you feel need to be discussed.

Conference and Community Events

- a) **Dec 9 @ 7:30 pm : RJC Drive-In Christmas Carol Festival** - in the RJC front parking lot. Come enjoy RJC students singing popular Christmas carols on the lawn from the comfort and safety of your own vehicle.

- b) **Dec 13: You are invited to spend A Very Shekinah Christmas with Shekinah Retreat Centre!** Join us online for 12 Days of Christmas, starting December 13, 2020. Enjoy stories, music, and singing. And maybe a little dummheit. See our website for more information: <https://shekinah.ca/events/2020/a-very-shekinah-christmas>
- c) **Dec 17 @ 7:30 pm: RJC Christmas Program: There Is Still Hope** - This online event will be held <https://rjc.sk.ca/christmas>. The program will feature music, art, and other items of hope and celebration by RJC students and staff.
- d) **Advent tidings from MC Sask!** As we look back at all this past year has held, and the continued ripple effects of Covid-19, we are deeply grateful for the community of people and congregations who make up MC Sask. As a body of covenanted believers, we have always known there is strength in coming together to do what we cannot do alone, and we have seen this in new and remarkable ways this year. Please consider supporting this work as you contemplate your year-end giving. Visit <http://mcsask.ca/donations>.
- e) **MCC Connects:** You are invited to join MCC in supporting the Government of Canada's legislation around the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), being tabled in Parliament this December. MCC believes that passing a legislative framework to implement UNDRIP is an excellent step toward ensuring the human rights of Indigenous Peoples are respected and honoured in Canada. If you agree, we invite you to contact Minister of Justice David Lametti and your MP to urge them to fulfill the government's commitment to reconciliation by making every effort to bring this legislation to Royal Assent. Visit mccanada.ca/take-action to use MCC's convenient letter-writing tool to amplify the calls of Indigenous neighbours.
- f) **Give the gift of Coffee for Christmas!** You can still place your order for Level Ground Coffee and support the youth of MC Sask at the same time! Go to <https://mcsask.ca/coffee> or call the office at 306-249-4844 to place your order. Deadline to for Christmas delivery is Dec 15. All orders under \$125 delivered to the MC Sask office.

O little town of Bethlehem

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1868, *The Church Porch*, 1874
Music: Lewis H. Redner, 1868, *The Church Porch*, 1874

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray,
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today!
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell.
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!

O come, O come, Immanuel

Text: anonymous, ca. 6th-7th c., *Veni veni Emmanuel*, 12th c.; tr. John M. Neale (Sts. 1-4), *Medieval Hymns and sequences*, 1851; Henry Sloane Coffin (St. 5-6), *Hymns of the Kingdom of God*, 1916
Music: trope melody, 15th c.

1. O come, O come, Immanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Immanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

3. O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight.

Refrain
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Immanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

5. O come, show Wisdom from on high,
and order all things far and nigh.
To us the path of knowledge show,
and cause us in thy ways to go.

Refrain
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Immanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Christ, whose glory fills the skies

Text: Charles Wesley, *Hymns and Sacred Poems*, 1740
Music: Charles F. Gounod, *The Hymnary*, 1872

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of righteousness, arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night.
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee.
Joyless is the day's return
till thy mercy's beams I see.
Till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes and warm my heart.

Visit, then, this soul of mine.
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief.
Fill me, Radiance divine.
Scatter all my unbelief.
More and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

Holy Child within the manger

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Music: Marty Haugen
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1. Holy Child within the manger,
Long ago yet ever near;
Come as friend to ev'ry stranger,
Come as hope for ev'ry fear.
As you lived to heal the broken,
Greet the outcast, free the bound,
As you taught us love unspoken,
Teach us now where you are found.

2. Once again we tell the story'
How your love for us was shown,
When the Image of your glory
Wore an image like our own.
Come, enlighten with your wisdom,
Come, and fill us with your grace,
May the fire of your compassion
Kindle ev'ry land and race.

3. Holy Child within the manger,
Lead us ever in your way,
So we see in ev'ry stranger
How you come to us today.
In our lives and in our living
Give us strength to live as you,
That our hearts might be forgiving
And our spirits strong and true.

He came down

Text: Cameroon traditional

Music: Cameroon traditional; arranged by John L. Bell

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He came down that we may have love;
He came down that we may have love;
He came down that we may have love,
Hallelujah for evermore.

He came down that we may have peace;
He came down that we may have peace;
He came down that we may have peace,
Hallelujah for evermore.

He came down that we may have joy;
He came down that we may have joy;
He came down that we may have joy,
Hallelujah for evermore.