

<u>This Week at MRMC</u>		
Monday	6:30 pm	MR YAHM
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Youth at NPMC
Wednesday	7-8 pm	AA Meeting in Basement
	7:00 pm	Council and SPT (Zoom rehearsal)
Thursday	10:30am	Baby Boomers +
Sunday	10:00 am	Worship Service

### Thought for the week

‘For the darkness of waiting, of not knowing what is to come, of staying ready, quiet, and attentive .... For the darkness of hoping in a world which longs for you, for the wrestling and laboring of all creation, for wholeness and justice and freedom, we praise you, O God: For the darkness and the light are both alike to you.’  
(Janet Morley)

### **Announcing!**

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

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

- **Dec 5, 9:00 am:** MRMC Annual Meeting. Please join us in the Sanctuary. Zoom will be available for those who require it. **Volunteer positions available.** Please prayerfully consider taking on one of the leadership roles for a 3 year term. If you are interested, or have any questions, please contact Garth, Claire, Rita or one of the Ministry Chairs by or on Dec 5th  
Adult Education Ministries  
Spiritual Care Deacon (2 positions)  
Missions and Service (member)  
Worship Committee (Music)  
Trustee  
Governing Board (Gift Discernment)

### Today's Service

Worship Leader: Eric O  
Song Leader: Grace P  
Pianist: Shelley B  
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

Marianne S

Call to Worship

Prayer

We sing *Come thou long expected Jesus*

HWB #178

Psalm 80: 1-7, 14-19

Monica D

Offering

Story for all ages

Shelley B

We Sing *To us a child of hope is born*

HWB #189

Scripture

Isaiah 64: 1-9

Eric O

Luke 1: 26-38

Naomi U

Sermon

***'I see it all now'***

Claire E F

Hymn of Response *Lo, how a Rose*

HWB #211

Peace Lamp

Sharing our stories

Sharing our prayers

Lord's Supper

Sending song

*Silent Night*

HWB #193

Sending words

Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord

**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

Postlude

### Joys & Concerns

- **Pray for:** *Marg W, Kelly and Pam J, Alex and Joel S, Hedio B, Maureen G, Betty U, Nettie and Roy W*
- **Families of the week:** *Mary D and Ed E, Chris, Pam, Reed, and Jake P*
- Our offering last Sunday was \$2,934, received with joy and thanksgiving for all that God is doing here and in our community.
- **Pray for The Micah Mission and their staff** Dave Feick, Adriana Appleton & Danielle Matte and the volunteers as they **Do Justice - Love Mercy - Walk Humbly** with incarcerated individuals, formerly incarcerated individuals and their families during this Christmas season.

### 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>. MDS has donated \$2000, MC Sask has donated \$500 and individuals have donated \$495 collectively.
- 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 1: How is Shekinah doing financially?** Check out our website on Dec 1 to see how we are holding up:  
<https://shekinah.ca/news/2020/shekinah-update>
- b) **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.
- c) **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>
- d) **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.
- e) **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>.
- f) **MCC Connects:** We have launched the 2020 MCC Quilt Sale! These quilts are donated by our skilled and very generous donors and are normally auctioned off at the June Relief Sale, which was unfortunately cancelled this year. Follow our [Facebook event page](#) to see all available quilts, as well as our daily quilt feature and promotion! The quilts can also be viewed on our website at <https://mcccanada.ca/mcc-saskatchewan-quilt-sale> or feel free to pop by the MCC office in Saskatoon (600 45<sup>th</sup> St W) to see them in our viewing room. If you have any questions, or wish to purchase a quilt, call 306.665.2555.
- g) **The YFBC Food Market is back!!** The Corn Maze is finished, the snow came, and we decided to bring back ordering through the camp! We will once again have groceries, fresh Cinnamon Buns, Hot Meal of the Week, and many more options. We have developed a new website for the food market that allows your to order more than one of each quantity. Check out our products at <https://yfbcfodmarket.square.site> Order by MONDAY for pickup on WEDNESDAY!
- h) **Salt of the Earth 2021 Calendar** This unique calendar tells the story of the Christian year through scripture, liturgical colour, and artwork. Please note that this calendar begins on the first day of Advent (November 29, 2020), a month ahead of typical calendars. Available from CommonWord at <https://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/82/18921>

## Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Text: Charles Wesley, *Hymns for the Nativity of our Lord*, 1744  
Music: Rowland H. Pritchard, ca. 1830, *Cyfall y Cantorion*, 1844; arr. Ralph Williams, (*English hymnal*, 1906) adpt. 1951, *BBC Hymn Book*  
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Come, thou long-expected Jesus!  
born to set thy people free,  
from our fears and sins release us,  
let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,  
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,  
born a child, and yet a king,  
born to reign in us forever,  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal Spirit, rule in all our hearts alone.  
By thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

## To us a Child of hope is born

Text: John Morison, *Scottish Paraphrases*, 1781  
Music: Lowell Mason, *Occasional Psalm and Hymn tunes*, 1837 or 1838

To us a child of hope is born, to us a Son is given.  
Him shall the tribes of earth obey,  
him all the hosts of heav'n,  
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him all the hosts of heav'n.

His name shall be the Prince of peace, forever more adored,  
the Wonderful, the Counsellor,  
the great and mighty Lord,  
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the great and mighty Lord.

His pow'r, increasing, still shall spread, his reign no end shall know.

Justice shall guard his throne above,  
and peace abound below,  
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## Lo, how a rose e'er blooming

Text: anonymous, *Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen*, (Sts. 1,2), *Alte Katholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, 1599, Friedrich Lakritz (St. 3) *Liederschatz* 1832; tr. Theodore Baker (St. 1-2) 1894, Harriet K. Spaeth, *The Hymnal 1940*, alt.

Music: *Alte Katholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, 1599; harmonized by Michael Praetorius, *Musae Sionae VI*, 1609

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem has sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming as saints of old have sung.  
It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter,  
when half-spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind.  
With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love aright, she bore to us a saviour,  
when half-spent was the night.

Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,  
dispel in glorious splendour the darkness everywhere.  
True man, yet very God, from sin and death he saves us,  
and lightens ev'ry load.

## Silent night, holy night

Text: Joseph Mohr, *Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht*, 1818 *Leipziger Gesangbuch*, 1838; tr. John F. Young, *The Sunday School Service and Tune Book*, 1863

Music: Franz Gruber, 1818, *Leipziger Gesangbuch*, 1838

Silent night, holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright  
'round yon virgin mother and child!  
Holy infant, so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight,  
glories stream from heaven afar,  
heav'nly hosts sing, "Alleluia!  
Christ the Saviour is born, Christ the Saviour is born."

Silent night, holy night!  
Son of God, Love's pure light,  
radiant, beams from thy holy face  
with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Silent night, holy night!  
Wondrous star, lend thy light.  
With the angels let us sing  
"Alleluia!" to our King,  
"Christ the Saviour is born, Christ the Saviour is born."