

## NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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Pastor's office hours: Tuesday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon

January 10, 2021

Worship Service 9:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

### Gathering in the Spirit...

Welcome

*I will stand in the congregation*

STS #113

Invitation to Worship

*Sing praise to God who reigns*

HWB #59

### Sharing the Good News...

Announcements

Invitation to the Offering & Offering Prayer

*My soul is filled with joy/Holy is your name*

STJ #13

Scripture: Luke 1:46-55

Leader: My soul proclaims your greatness, O my God, and my spirit rejoices in you, my Saviour, for your regard has blessed me, an ordinary woman, who serves you.

**Women: From this day all generations will call me blessed, for you who are mighty have made me great. Most holy be your name.**

Leader: Your mercy is on those who fear you throughout all generations. You have shown strength with your arm. You have scattered the proud in their hearts' fantasy.

**Men: You have put down the mighty from the seat and have lifted up the powerless. You have filled the hungry with good things and have sent the rich empty away.**

**ALL: You, remembering your mercy, have helped your people Israel, as you promised Abraham and Sarah. Mercy to their children forever.**

Meditation: "Vision, Healing and Hope, plus Joy"

Luke 1:46-55; Luke 4:14-30

### Responding with our Whole Hearts...

*Arise, your light is come!*

STS #30

North Star Praise and Prayers

### Going out to Serve...

*Move in our midst*

HWB #418

Closing and Benediction

Meditation – Dan Graber

Worship Leader – Rose Graber

Song Leader – John Bartel

Sound – Ed Bergen

Visuals – Donna Friesen

Ushers – Amy Wildeman, Jacob Martens Bartel

### LAST SUNDAY

Offering – \$1420.00 Attendance (9:45) 23 (11:00) 24

### NEXT SUNDAY

Meditation – Pierre Gilbert (CMU)

Worship Leader – Jim Ewert

## THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Saturday, January 16-Sunday, January 17

CMU Portable sessions with Pierre Gilbert. "Choosing the way of life in an age of freedom". There will be 3 video sessions – Sat. at 7:00 p.m. Proverbs, Sun. 9:45 & 11:00 Wisdom, and Sun. 7:00 p.m. Ecclesiastes.

## NORTH STAR NOTES:

- Our sympathy is extended to the family of Belle Mullet who passed away on Wednesday, January 6. There will be a private family service at Sharon cemetery on Sat., Jan. 16.
- Our sympathy also to the family of Anita Neufeld, wife of Ray Neufeld, who passed away this week.
- Our new hymnbook, Voices Together, has finally arrived. We will have some copies for sale at \$35.00. If you would like to purchase a copy, please contact the office.
- Please have your annual reports submitted to the office **TODAY**. Report booklets will be made available, but the Annual Meeting will be postponed until a later date pending COVID restrictions. As we will not be holding elections at this time, terms that are set to expire in January are asked to continue until such time as we can hold the meeting in person. If that does not work for you, or if there are any issues that need immediate attention, please contact Moderator Peter Nicholson. Thanks to everyone for going the extra mile this past year to adapt to our new routines.

## BEYOND NORTH STAR:

Friday, January 22

7:00 p.m. - RJC Online Open House & Friday Night Live. Prospective students (grades 5-11) and families are invited to our online open house. Learn more about our academic, dorm, athletics, and music programs. Following the open house will be our annual Friday Night Live student coffee house at 8:00pm. Enjoy the evening from the comfort of your own home! Please register by email to [admissions@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:admissions@rjc.sk.ca) or call (306) 232-4222. RJC Early Application Incentive - New students who apply for Fall 2021 by February 1 will receive \$500 off their tuition! Apply online at [rjc.sk.ca/apply](http://rjc.sk.ca/apply).

### MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

**MC Sask Connects:** Save the date! The 2021 MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions will be held virtually on Saturday, March 13.

**MCC Connects:** We would like to express our gratitude for the successful conclusion of Grow Hope Saskatchewan's third season. The number of available acres, donors and sponsored acres increased this year. The project generated an estimated \$124,000 this year, and with the Government of Canada matching portion, this can work out to as much as \$620,000. We also thank those who donated to Grow Hope during the Christmas season to help kick-off the 2021 project! Helping to end hunger is a great way to start the new year.

### **Jesus' proclamation:**

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to  
proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of  
sight for the blind,

to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

Luke 4:18-19

### **Statement of Purpose and Identity – Mennonite Church Canada**

God calls, equips and sends the church to engage the world with the  
reconciling Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are a community of disciples of

Jesus, A part of the Body of Christ, covenanted together as

congregations, regional churches, and a nationwide church body.

Gratefully responding to God's initiatives and empowered by the Holy  
Spirit, we commit ourselves and our resources to calling, equipping and  
sending the church to engage the world with the reconciling Gospel of  
Jesus Christ.

### **Vision Statement – Mennonite Church Canada**

God calls us to be followers of Jesus Christ and, by the power of the  
Holy Spirit to grow as communities of grace, joy and peace so that  
God's healing and hope flow through us to the world.

### **What We Believe**

We studied this statement from Palmer Becker, for a number of Sundays

- Jesus is the centre of our faith;
- Community is the centre of our lives; and
- Reconciliation is the centre of our work.

### **North Star Statement of Purpose**

Like a tree planted by a life-giving stream, North Star Mennonite  
Church is rooted and growing in God's saving grace, ongoing healing,  
and everlasting hope through Jesus Christ. We commit ourselves to  
living a Christ-centered faith that shapes who we are.