

## **NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH**

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December 1, 2019  
First Advent Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

### **Gathering in the Spirit...**

Welcome and Announcements

*Come, thou long-expected Jesus* HWB #178

*Let there be light, Lord God* STJ #67

Call to worship

**One:** Oh God, our God, we cry out to you.

**Many: Asking, will your kingdom of peace be established on this broken earth?**

**One:** Are you coming to intervene, to make whole your divided creation?

**All: God, what are you waiting for?**

Prayer

### **Sharing the Good News...**

*Let the children come to me (v. 3 while children leave)*

Scripture: Isaiah 2:1-5

Lighting the Advent candle

Confession

**Leader:** Forgive me, Lord, for not expecting you,

**People: even when you have told me that you are coming.**

**Leader:** Forgive me, Lord, for being asleep,

**People: even when you have asked me to wait for you.**

**Leader:** Forgive me, Lord, for my carelessness,

**People: when all you have asked of me is to care.**

**Leader:** Forgive me, Lord, for failing to see you,

**People: when your face is so obvious.**

*(silence)*

**Leader:** Blessed be our God, who invites us to walk in the light of the Lord!

*Christ, whose glory fills the skies* HWB #216

Scripture: Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

*I will sing of my Redeemer* HWB #344

Meditation: "Our wait continues"

Psalm 122 Responsive Reading

### **Responding with our Whole Hearts...**

*We give thee but thine own* HWB #384

Offering

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

*Come, bring your burdens to God*

### **Going out to Serve...**

*Move in our midst*

HWB #418

Benediction

Meditation – Dan Graber

Song Leaders – Jim & Eileen Ewert

Sound – Peter Nicholson

Worship Leader – Floyd Bartel

Accompanists – Worship Team

Ushers – Myrven Kline, Ken Friesen

### **LAST SUNDAY**

Attendance – 55 Offering – \$2855.00

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

Meditation – Dan Graber Worship Leader – Irene Bartel

**TODAY:** 2:30 p.m. – St. Peter's Chorus Advent Concert with guests, Saskatoon Men's Chorus, at St. Augustine Church, Humboldt.

### **THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:**

Wednesday, December 4

2:00 p.m. – Cheerful Mission meets at the Villa.

Saturday, December 7

6:00 p.m. – North Star Annual Christmas Banquet at the Community Centre. Doors open at 6:00, supper at 6:30. Entertainment will be provided by Namesake (Mixed Quartette). Door prizes are needed and can be left in the church office or contact one of the deacons. Tickets (\$25.00/person) are available in the church office and must be purchased **TODAY**.

Tuesday, December 24

7:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve service.

### **COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:**

Sunday, December 15

6:30 p.m. – Piano Recital for students of Amy Ewert. Everyone invited.

### **BEYOND NORTH STAR:**

Wednesday, December 4

6:00 p.m. – Seniors Christmas Banquet at Watrous Civic Centre. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Tickets \$16.00/person. See poster for more information.

Sunday, December 8

2:00 p.m. – A Very Shekinah Christmas. Come and enjoy some snacks, pose for our fun Christmas themed photo booth, and enjoy Christmas music with friends. Doors open at 2:00 p.m. Carol singing starts at 2:30 with the concert portion beginning at 3:00. Musical Guests: Coro Nova choir & soloist Vic Krahn. Tickets: \$10 at the door.

Wednesday, December 18

7:30 p.m. – RJC Choir Christmas Concert at Knox United Church, Saskatoon. Also on Friday, December 20, 7:00 p.m. at RJC. Admission is free; a collection will be taken in support of RJC. Everyone is welcome.

Saturday, December 21

7:00 p.m. – Coro Nova Christmas Concert at Knox United Church, Saskatoon. Many of the singers are rooted in experiences at RJC, Sonrisa, and A Buncha Guys. Tickets \$10.00 at the door. Children are free.

### **MINUTE FOR MISSIONS**

**Praying for each other:** Grace Menn., Church Prince Albert is energized by the relationships we share with several other churches with whom we plan joint summer services. We are energized by other community connections we have, such as Riverside Community School, Parkland Restorative Justice, a choir that meets here for the Christmas season, Sunday School kids who model restorative justice, and support for an incarcerated offender who has asked for baptism, even when that relationship gets complicated. A concern is our energy levels as we age. Will there be ongoing eagerness to carry our cross? We thank you for your prayers.

**MC Sask Connects:** Remember MC Sask in year-end giving. Over the past year, MC Sask invited our 27 congregations to deepen our walk with each other by regrounding ourselves in our core Anabaptist commitments of faith. This Advent, we invite you to support the peace work that our regional and nationwide churches commit to as part of Christ's call. Please consider MC Sask in your year-end giving <http://mcsask.ca/donate/>.

Mission in Perspective Course Jan. 9-April 12, a Master's-level course exploring our place in mission—historically and locally, as colonial empires, oppressed minorities, and places in between. Thursdays, 6:00 to 8:45 p.m., at the MC Sask office with instructor Josh Wallace. Presented by CMU & MC Sask. Go to [www.mcsask.ca/registrations](http://www.mcsask.ca/registrations) for more info.

**MCC Connects:** MCC invites post-secondary students to attend our annual student seminar February 20-22 in Ottawa. This year's theme is Non-Violence for Social Change: Active Peacebuilding. Students will explore what active citizenship looks like, learn about faith-based advocacy, hear from Parliamentarians & civil society advocates, and take part in Ottawa's Winterlude festivities! Register at [mcccanada.ca/ottawa](http://mcccanada.ca/ottawa) and contact Myriam at [myriamullah@mccsk.ca](mailto:myriamullah@mccsk.ca) to apply for a travel subsidy by December 13th, 2019.

**CMU Connects:** Starting Dec. 1, CMU's Sunday@CMU Radio Program will feature a series of reflections by Dr. Paul Doerksen, Associate Professor of Theology and Anabaptist Studies, exploring key dimensions of the Advent season. Sunday@CMU airs Sunday mornings at 8:30-8:45 AM on CFAM 950 and AM 1250. Programs can be accessed through the CMU website at [cmu.ca/sundayatcmu](http://cmu.ca/sundayatcmu).