

WORSHIP SERVICE
December 13, 2015

Worship Leader: **Andrew Krahn**
Song Leader: **Brass Group**
Soundperson: **Randall Thiessen**
Power Point: **Francesca Chan**
Child Care: **Jason & Trish Krobel**

Prelude **Wind Ensemble**

Welcome and Invocation

Leader: Sing aloud, O people,
Shout out your worship in a loud
voice!

**People: God takes away the
judgment against us;
There's no need to fear
disaster.**

Leader: The Lord our God exults
over us with gladness;
Singing loudly as on a day of
celebration

**People: God delivers us from all
that oppresses us,
Changing our shame into
praise.**

**All: Rejoice! For God is our
strength and our might
And has become our salvation.**

Congregational Singing

O Come Emmanuel
Hymn #100

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

Chorus:
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Key of David,
come,
And open wide our heavenly
home;
Make safe the way that leads on
high,
And close the path to misery.

O come, thou 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.

O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and
mind;
Bid envy, strife and quarrels
cease;
Fill all the world with heaven's
peace.

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus
Hymn #102

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

*He will baptize
you with the
Holy Spirit
and with
fire.*



Luke 3:16

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Isaiah 12:1-3

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, and you comforted me. 2 Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. 3 With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

Scripture Reading Marlee Enns Zephaniah 3:14-20

14 Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!
15 The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more.
16 On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak.
17 The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing
18 as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it.
19 I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.
20 At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

Congregational Singing

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Rejoice, ye pure in heart
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing
Your festal banner wave on high,
The cross of Christ your King

Rejoice, rejoice,
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

With all the angel choirs,
With all the saints on earth,
Pour out the strains of joy and bliss,
True rapture, noblest mirth.

Yes, on through life's long path,
Still chanting as ye go.
From youth to age, by night and day,
In gladness and in woe.

Emmanuel

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel
God with us, revealed in us
His name is called Emmanuel

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Scripture Reading Marlee Enns Luke 3:7-18

7 John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?
8 Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.

9 Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

10 And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?"

11 In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise."

12 Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?"

13 He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you."

14 Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

15 As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah,
16 John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

17 His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

18 So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Sermon Shannon Doerksen

Congregational Singing Lo, How a Rose e'er Blooming

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 flow'ret 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 Savior,
When half-spent was the night.

Flower, whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air,
Dispel in glorious splendor
The darkness everywhere.
True man, yet very God,
From sin and death he saves us,
And lightens every load.

Prayer of the People

Offering & Offertory Wind Ensemble

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Announcements

Benediction



11 am Sunday School program to be held after the service during the Sunday School hour. There will not be a dainties reception this year. Sunday School will resume January 10,2016.

11:15 a.m.

- ❖ No Adult Sunday School
- ❖ Young Adults in the C&C room
- ❖ No Young Moms Sunday School.
- ❖ No Youth Sunday School
- ❖ "Introduction to Christianity" classes in Pastor David's office and in the classroom on the right just before the boardroom with David and Jackie Hoehne, Jennifer Kroeker.

Today, 5:30 pm
Seniors, you are invited for soup and dainties at Ron & Elaine's. Please RSVP/sign up and pick-up more information on foyer table.

REMEMBERING ONE ANOTHER

- Pray for the Winnipeg Logos Church as they worship in our sanctuary and seek to build relationships in our community.
- Continue to pray for Josh Muehling and his family as he recovers from necrotizing pancreatitis. There have been encouraging signs of healing!
- Pray for those working in our library

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Wednesday, 7:30 pm
 C & C – Christmas party hosted by Chris & Bethany Klassen. Please bring a

"white elephant" gift to exchange. Rides available from the church at 7:00 pm.

Thursday, 6:30 – 9:30 pm
 Youth – Christmas Party
 Bring \$5.00 for pizza. There will be no gift exchange, but if you like, you may bring money which we will donate to a local charity.

Friday, 9 – 10 am
 An Hour of Prayer takes place each Friday morning at the church. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Saturday, 5:30
 Saturday evenings we will be hosting contemplative Advent services. They will begin with a simple meal at 5:30, followed by a service at 6:30. There will be a collection to help cover the costs of food.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Baptism Classes: Do you wonder if one of the next steps in your spiritual journey is to get baptized? I am looking forward to beginning a series of baptism preparation classes in mid-January. Time and place to be determined. Please contact me if you are interested! -Pastor David
- Andrew Krahn has a new email address: andrew.fgemc@shaw.ca
- Employment Opportunity Winnipeg Mennonite Elementary & Middle Schools is currently accepting resumés for the position of School Bus Driver. Applicants must have or be willing to obtain Class 2 Driver's license with School Bus Operator's certificate. Duties include transporting students to and from school each day as well as driving students for field trips as needed. The position starts on January 4, 2016. Please send your resume or any questions

to susan.schmidt@wmems.ca or call [204-885-1032](tel:204-885-1032).

- There are many small Home Groups at FG EMC which provide members the opportunity to build closer relationships with a few other members of the congregation. Participation in a Home Group is open to anyone. A reshuffle of the groups is planned for Fall 2016. In the meantime, if you are interested in joining a Home Group for the next six months contact Monica Derksen in the church office or Corinne Klassen and you will be added to one of the existing groups that is eager to welcome additional members.

Financial Stats to Nov., 2015

Giving to date	\$313,894
Expenses to date	\$321,204
Deficit to date	-\$7,310

Thank you for responding to the call. November's donation got up to \$30,000 (\$27,000 in Oct.). The deficit has improved slightly to \$7,000 (\$9,800 in October).

- Interpreters needed for MCC's refugee work - MCC Manitoba's Migration and Resettlement program needs volunteers who speak other languages to help provide occasional interpretation help for newcomers to Canada. Particular language needs include: Arabic, Karen, Burmese, Tigre, Tigrinya, Kurdish, Kunama, Amharic, Bilen, Afar, S'gaw and Farsi. If you can help, please contact joannaschellenberg@mccmb.ca or [204-925-1919](tel:204-925-1919).

Urgent need – housing for refugees – Do you have a vacant basement suite, or have friends, neighbours or family who do? Are you a landlord who could make a house or apartment available at a very reasonable rent? If you can help, MCC can connect you with a sponsoring group or refer your offer to a settlement agency in Manitoba. Please contact us

at [\(204\)925-1910](tel:204-925-1910) or joannaschellenberg@mccmb.ca

COMING EVENTS

Tuesday, December 15, 3 pm
 Keenager Choir Concert at Braeside church, 1011 Munroe Ave. Refreshments to follow.

Thursday, December 17
 Steve Bell Christmas Concert with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra. Sponsored by Winnipeg Harvest. Tickets available at the WSO Box office or online at www.wso.ca.

Sunday, December 20, 7pm
 Come worship with us at CMU Advent Vespers in the Laudamus Auditorium, 500 Shaftesbury Blvd. The worship will be led by choir conductor Alan Janzen and worship leader President Cheryl Pauls. A reception will follow. For more information see cmu.ca/vespers.

Thursday, December 24, 7pm
Christmas Eve Service

Friday, December 25, 12 noon
You are invited for a potluck lunch and program at the church. Please bring some food to share. Feel free to invite your friends! If you would like to contribute to the program with music or dance or have other questions please contact Xin Jun Chen at zpgcanada@hotmail.com or [204-295-1769](tel:204-295-1769) for more information.

Saturday, January 2, 8am
Men's breakfast at South Winds Bar & Grill (Holiday Inn Pembina). Please email Josh Friesen (hjoshfriesen@gmail.com) if you can make it.

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