

Fort Garry Evangelical Mennonite  
Church  
Sunday, December 16, 2018



**WORSHIP SERVICE**

Worship Leader: **Andrew Krahn**  
Song Leader: **Malech PG**  
Soundperson: **Bretton Reimer**  
PowerPoint: **Jeremy Smith/Ethan Reimer**  
Babysitters: **Jason and Trish Krobol**

**Prelude** **Melissa Krahn**

**Congregational Singing**

- O Come All Ye Faithful #103
- Ready My Heart

**Call to Worship, Candle Lighting, Prayer**

**Congregational Song – Advent Theme Song**

- Longing for Light/Christ be our Light

**Children's Story - Joy**

**Kara Barkwell**

**Mission Report**

**Cory and Masami Giesbrecht**

**Prayers of the People**

**Alvin and Esther Brandt**

**Offering/Doxology**

**Scripture Readings**

**Anthony Reimer**

**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.

**Luke 2:7-18**

**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.

\*Children ages 1-3 dismissed for babysitting in the basement.

**Sermon** "May I Kill It?"

**Layton Friesen**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Congregational Singing**

- Lo, How a Rose

**Communion Service**

**Congregational Singing**

- Jesus Feed Us
- We Come

**Announcements**

**Benediction**

**Congregational Singing**

- Hope is Dawning

**Postlude**

**Advent 2018 Theme** - For this season of Advent we will explore and consider what it means to "wait well". Our lectionary texts are rich with images and themes for us to consider. The children's story times will focus on the more traditional Advent themes of hope, peace, joy and love, while the sermons will include themes related to the words attend, recollect, detach and attach.

Henri Nouwen says, "A waiting person is a patient person. The word patience means the willingness to stay where we are and live the situation out to the full in the belief that something hidden there will manifest itself to us. Impatient people are always expecting the real thing to happen somewhere else and therefore want to go elsewhere. The moment is empty. But patient people dare to stay where they are. Patient living means to live actively in the present and wait there." May we enter this season of waiting with anticipation and watchfulness. God is near.

## Remembering One Another

- Please pray for Cory & Masami Giesbrecht and their sons who are missionaries in Japan with MB Mission.
- Gavin Barkman is recovering well but still tires very quickly, please continue to pray for him, his wife, Amanda, and Mackenzie during the busy holiday season.
- Pray for Cheryl Hiebert who is continuing to recover at home from surgery.
- Pray for Sean Barkwell's father, Robert, who continues to be in the ICU with serious health issues.

## Events of the Week

*Tuesday, 6:45pm-8:15pm*

Please join the clubs kids as we carol for some of our seniors and then enjoy apple cider and Christmas baking back at the church. Talk to Ruth Friesen if you can join us

*Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.*

College & Career - Christmas Party at Erin Toews, 43 Nichol Ave.

*Friday, 9-10am*

An "Hour of Prayer" takes place each Friday morning at the church. Everyone is welcome!

**Saturday, 4th Advent Evening**  
Meal at 5:30pm, Service at 6:30pm

## Fort Garry News

Nov 30, 2018	Actual to date	Budget to date	\$ Over (Under) Budget
<b>Total Revenue</b>	\$ 299,598	\$ 364,738	\$ (65,140)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$ 346,649	\$ 362,232	\$ (15,583)

- At the end of November, we are under our donation budget by about \$65K but also under in our expenses by almost \$16K. Please continue to give so that we will meet our annual budget.

- Thank you to everyone who contributed to the concert last Sunday - all the bakers, food committee planners, actors, singers, musicians, reciters, props and costume creators and set-up-errs, ushers, and all those who made things work! We appreciate you! And thank you to the congregation for cheering us on and joining in through all our planned and unplanned technical difficulties. It was great fun to worship God together in that way!

- Are you interested in representing our church as an EMC delegate, MCC delegate or as our church reporter? Come talk to the nominating committee!!! -Josh Muehling, Sharon Harms, Norm Hiebert, Janna Olfert

- **Committee Heads/Chairpersons, in preparation for our Annual Meeting, please submit your committee's report on/before Friday, December 21st by emailing it (in Word format) to Irma McKenzie [ilmckenzie@hotmail.com](mailto:ilmckenzie@hotmail.com) for inclusion in the Annual Report. Thank you!**

## Coming Events

Tuesday, December 18, 7:00 p.m.

Keenagers Christmas Concert at Morrow Gospel Church, 755 St. Anne's Road. (Merna Thiessen, John & Leona Kornelsen sing in this choir)

**Monday, December 24 Christmas Eve Service 7pm-8pm**

**Pastor Karen is looking for children to be a part of a Nativity scene on Christmas Eve. These are non-speaking roles, please contact her if you would like to be Mary, Joseph, shepherds, angels or wise men. Costumes to be provided.**

**Tuesday, December 25 Christmas Potluck and Program**

**12 noon in the Church basement. Everyone is Welcome! Please contact Irma Janzen for more details.**

**Monday, December 24 - Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>** The Church office will be closed and there will be no Church bulletin on December 30.

**Saturday, January 26**  
**FGEMC Annual General Meeting**

**Friday, Feb 22 - Sunday, Feb 24**  
**Women's Retreat at Camp Cedarwood**

Check the bulletin board in the foyer for detailed print-outs from **MDS, MCC** and **CMU** each week regarding the many events and updates from these organizations.

See the bulletin board in the foyer and in the library hallway for posters for upcoming concerts, musicals, and other special events for the Christmas season.

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