



WORSHIP SERVICE
December 17 2017

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Prelude **Anna Peng**

Welcome and Invocation

Psalm 126

Leader: ¹When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,^[a]

we were like those who dream.

²Then our mouth was filled with laughter,

and our tongue with shouts of joy;

then it was said among the nations,

“The Lord has done great things for them.”

³The Lord has done great things for us,

and we rejoiced.

All: ⁴Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

⁵May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

⁶Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

Prayer

Congregational Singing

- Sing to the King
- Joy to the World
- God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

Scripture Reading **Ruby Cassell**

Isaiah 61: 1-4; 8-11 The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,

because the LORD has anointed me;

he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,

to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners;

²to proclaim the year of the LORD’s favor,

and the day of vengeance of our God;

to comfort all who mourn;

³to provide for those who mourn in Zion—

to give them a garland instead of ashes,

the oil of gladness instead of mourning,

the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.

They will be called oaks of righteousness,

the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.

⁴They shall build up the ancient ruins,

they shall raise up the former devastations;

they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

⁸ For I the LORD love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing.
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
⁹ Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.
¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Confession

(Based on Psalm 85)
We confess our sin, O God, our Redeemer. We have failed to offer steadfast love. Restore us, O God of our salvation. Meet us here, and make us whole.

Silence

We have been unfaithful to your calling to be your voice, hands, and feet to work for righteousness, justice, and peace, in all the ways they were available to us. Restore us, O God of our salvation. Meet us here, and make us whole. Amen.

Silence

Words of Assurance

Steadfast love and faithfulness have met each other. Righteousness and peace embrace. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen!

Wreath Lighting

Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," stanzas 1, 4, 3

All: "O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight." Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel."

Reader 1: "The LORD has done great things for us, and we are overjoyed. ... Let those who plant with tears reap the harvest with joyful shouts." (Psalm 126:3, 5 CEB)

Reader 2: God of Joy, you enter the wilderness of our world and proclaim that there is a way to reach home again.

Reader 1: God of Joy, you break through clouds of despair and sorrow to bring good news to your people.

Reader 2: God of Joy, you send hope into the world in the form of a tiny baby.

All: We, God's people, sing songs of joy with the prophet, "I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God" (Isaiah 61:10, NRSV).

Reader 1: On this third Sunday of Advent, we light this candle, knowing that joy is our true home.

All Singing: "Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel."

Congregational Singing

- Oh Come, All Ye Faith

Scripture Reading Ruby Cassell

John 1:6-8; 19-28 ⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

The Testimony of John the Baptist
¹⁹ This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" ²⁰ He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah."^[a] ²¹ And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No."²² Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" ²³ He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. ²⁴ Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. ²⁵ They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah,^[b] nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" ²⁶ John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know,²⁷ the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal."²⁸ This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

Sermon Andrew Krahn

Apostle's Creed

We believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate Was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to

the dead. On the third day he rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, And he will come again to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, The holy catholic church The communion of the saints, The forgiveness of sins The resurrection of the body And the life everlasting.

Communion

Welcome to our communion service.

Our practice of the Lord's Supper is for all to come to the front to receive the bread and cup. We begin with the front of the middle two sections, coming up the center aisle. Once the middle sections have received, the side sections can go to the back and come up the center aisle as well. We will eat once all have received. Children may participate with their parents blessing. If you wish not to participate just remain in your seat.

Congregational Singing

- Ready My Heart

Prayer of the People

Offering & Offertory

Melissa Krahn & Janelle Malech

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

May God the Father, judge all-merciful, make us worthy of a place in his kingdom. **Amen.**

May God the Son, coming among us in power, reveal in our midst the promise of his glory. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit make us steadfast in faith, joyful in hope and constant in love. **Amen.**

As we await our coming Saviour, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. **Amen**

Postlude



** There will be no Sunday School classes on Dec. 17, 24 and 31. Classes will resume January 7.

REMEMBERING ONE ANOTHER

- Pray for the leaders and participants in the Nominations Committee.
- Pray for International Student Ministries Canada (ISMC) and their Winnipeg staff person, Joseph Seidu and Twylla Plett, their national staff person.
- William Cheng is scheduled for a bone marrow transplant on [Wednesday, December 20th](#). Please pray that the procedure will go smoothly and that the doctors will have wisdom in any decisions that need to be made. Do also continue to pray for Tao, Aihua and Justin and that they experience God's steadfast love and faithfulness through this very difficult time.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tuesday, 6:40 pm
Clubs - Caroling 6:40 at Lindenwood Terrace 7:30 at 100 Adamar Road. 8:15 bring Christmas baking to the church.

Thursday, 6:30 - 9:30 pm
Youth - [Christmas](#) party. Please bring \$5 for pizza. There will be no gift exchange.

Friday, 9-10 am
An "Hour of Prayer" takes place each Friday morning at the church. Everyone welcome!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The end of 2017 is fast approaching and that means the end of the tax year too. **In order to ensure your donation to the church is receipted in 2017, please have it into the office by noon**

on December 31 (Sunday). Anything received after that time will be receipted for the 2018 tax year. Thank you!

• **Committee Heads/Chairpersons, in preparation for our Annual Meeting, please submit your committee's report on/before Monday, December 18th** by emailing it (in Word format) to Irma McKenzie ilmckenzie@hotmail.com for inclusion in the Annual Report. Thank you!

• **The Keenager Choir** invites you to attend their Annual Christmas Concert on Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2017 at 7 pm at the Morrow Gospel Church 755 St. Anne's Road.

• Nicaragua was hit hard by Hurricane Nate and additional monsoon rains in [October 2017](#). EMC will be sending \$10,000 to assist with emergency relief efforts and invites you to consider giving to this relief project. To donate call [204-326-6401](tel:204-326-6401) or go to www.emconference.ca/donate. Thank you!

• MCC Manitoba welcomes applications for Associate Editor-Die Mennonitische Post. The associate editor is responsible to assist with all aspects of the production of the bi-weekly newspaper, the Mennonitische Post, under the direction and supervision of the managing editor. Applications are accepted until December 20. For more information and to apply, please visit mcccanada.ca/get-involved/serve/openings/associate-editor-die-mennonitische-post.

• Recovery of Hope Counselling, together with the Neufeld Institute - Manitoba Chapter, is proud to **announce that Dr Gordon Neufeld, author of "Hold On to Your Kids: Why Parents Need to Matter More Than Peers,"** is coming to Morden on Saturday, Feb 10, 2018 to deliver a new full-day workshop called "Keeping Children Safe in a Wounding World." Parents, educators, youth workers and caregivers will be

interested to learn from Dr Neufeld, one of Canada's leading developmental psychologists, as he uncovers the keys to helping children thrive while living in a wounding world. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit www.edenhealthcare.ca or call 1-866-493-6202.

- Come to CMU Christmas Vespers on Sunday, December 17 at 7:00 PM in the Laudamus Auditorium. Leona Hildebrand will lead the choir and Cheryl Pauls will be the reader. A reception will follow. See cmu.ca/vespers.

Monday, December 25, noon
 If you are looking for some special activity for **Christmas Day** please join us for a potluck lunch at the church at 12 noon. If you would like to contribute to the program with music, dance, poetry or story please contact Irma by text 204- or e-mail at ikj@mymts.net.

Saturday, January 20, 9:30-11:30am
Music Round Table Discussion
 - Come share your thoughts, requests, and dreams for the music and worship in our church. While all congregational members are welcome, music team members are encouraged to attend. Food and coffee provided. For questions or info, contact Danica Friesen (danicafriesen@hotmail.com)

Saturday, January 27, 9 am
 FGEMC Annual General Meeting

COMING EVENTS

Saturday Dec.23, 5:30 pm
 Advent services beginning with a light meal. All are welcome to attend.

Sunday, December 24, 7 pm
 Candlelight Service

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FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Nov. 30, 2017	Actual to date	Budget to date	\$ Over (Under) Budget
Total Revenue	\$ 332,632	\$ 350,622	\$ (17,990)

At the end of November, we are under our donation budget by about \$18,000. This is taking into account a reduction in the budget figure, due to some significant expenses that did not occur. Please continue to give so that we will meet our annual budget.

Sing to the King

Sing to the king who is coming
to reign
Glory to Jesus the Lamb that
was slain
Life and salvation His empire
shall bring
And joy to the nations when
Jesus is King

Chorus:
Come let us sing a song
A song declaring that we
belong to Jesus
He is all we need
Lift up a heart of praise
Sing now with voices raised to
Jesus
Sing to the King

For His returning we watch and
we pray
We will be ready the dawn of
that day
We'll join in singing with all the
redeemed
'Cause Satan is vanquished and
Jesus is King

Joy To The World Hymn #120

Joy to the world! The Lord is
come;
Let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare Him
room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
(2x)
And heav'n and heav'n and
nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior
reigns;

Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks,
hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, (2x)
Repeat, repeat the sounding
joy.

No more let sins and sorrows
grow.
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings
flow
Far as the curse is found, (2x)
Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world, with truth
and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love, (2x)
And wonders, wonders of His
love.

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

God rest ye merry, gentlemen
Let nothing you dismay
Remember, Christ, our Saviour
Was born on Christmas day
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray
O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

In Bethlehem, in Israel,
This blessed Babe was born
And laid within a manger
Upon this blessed morn
The which His Mother Mary
Did nothing take in scorn
O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

From God our Heavenly Father
A blessed Angel came;
And unto certain Shepherds
Brought tidings of the same:
How that in Bethlehem was born
The Son of God by Name.
O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

"Fear not then," said the Angel,
"Let nothing you affright,
This day is born a Saviour
Of a pure Virgin bright,
To free all those who trust in Him
From Satan's power and might."
O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

The shepherds at those tidings
Rejoiced much in mind,
And left their flocks a-feeding
In tempest, storm and wind:
And went to Bethlehem
straightway
The Son of God to find.
O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

And when they came to
Bethlehem
Where our dear Saviour lay,
They found Him in a manger,
Where oxen feed on hay;
His Mother Mary kneeling down,
Unto the Lord did pray.
O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

Now to the Lord sing praises,
All you within this place,
And with true love and

brotherhood
Each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas
All other doth deface.
O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

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 Rod of Jesse,
Free Thine own from Satan's
tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people
save
And give them victo'ry o'er the
grave

O come, Thou Day-spring,
Come and cheer,
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
And drive away the shades of
night,
And pierce the clouds and
bring us light!

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, 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.

O Come All Ye Faithful
Hymn #103

O come all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to
Bethlehem!
Come and behold Him,
Born the King of angels;

Refrain:

O come, let us adore Him (3x)
Christ the Lord.

God of God, and Light of Light
begotten,
Lo, He abhors not the Virgin's
womb;
Very God, begotten, 'not
created;

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in
exultation!
O sing, all ye citizens of heav'n
above;
Glory to God, all glory in the
highest;

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born
this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh
appearing;

Ready my Heart

Ready my heart for the birth of
Immanuel;
Ready my soul for the Prince of
Peace.

Heap the straw of my life for this
body to lie on;
light the candle of hope, let the
Child come in.

Chorus:
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,
Christ the Saviour shall come.

Mine is the home that is poor and
is barren;
Mine is the stable of cold and
stone.
Break the light of each corner of
doubt and of darkness;
Now the Word is made flesh for
the birth of me.