

Fort Garry Evangelical Mennonite
Church
Sunday, December 9, 2018



WORSHIP SERVICE

Worship Leader: **Len Harms**
Song Leader: **Hymnsters**
Soundperson: **Dreydon Reimer**
PowerPoint: **Don Kroeker**

Prelude **Danica Friesen**

Congregational Singing

- Come Thou Fount #28
- Lord I Need You

Call to Worship, Candle Lighting, Prayer

Congregational Song – Advent Theme Song

- Longing for Light/Christ be our Light (vs. 1&2)

Children's Story - Peace

Marlee Enns

Announcements

Prayers of the People

Justin Cheng

Offering

Doxology

Scripture Readings

Malachi 3:1-4

The Coming Messenger

1 See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. **2** But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; **3** he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. **4** Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Luke 3:1-6

The Proclamation of John the Baptist

1 In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, **2** during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. **3** He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, **4** as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. **5** Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; **6** and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.' "

*There will be no babysitting for children today

Sermon

Cameron McKenzie

Prayer of Confession

Song of Assurance

- Refiner's Fire
- Even So Lord Jesus Come

Benediction

Congregational Singing

- O Come O Come Emmanuel #100

Postlude

Please join us back in the Sanctuary at 11:20am for our Sunday School Christmas Program (All SS classes are cancelled today) and stay to enjoy Christmas goodies too. Please bring them to the kitchen upon your arrival to Church so the platters can be prepared. Thanks.

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, they are missionaries in Japan with MB Mission. They are currently in Manitoba and will be visiting Fort Garry EMC next Sunday, December 16th and will be providing a very brief update.
- 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 who continues to be in the ICU with serious health issues.

Events of the Week

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

College & Career - Christmas Caroling, meet at the Church

Thursday, 6:30 - 10pm

Youth - Christmas Party

Friday, 9-10am

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

Saturday, 3rd Advent Evening

Meal at 5:30pm, Service at 6:30pm

Fort Garry News

Oct 31, 2018	Actual to date	Budget to date	\$ Over (Under) Budget
Total Revenue	\$ 267,211	\$ 331,580	\$ (64,369)
Total Expenses	\$ 312,010	\$ 330,119	\$ (18,109)

At the end of October, we are under our donation budget by about \$64K but also under in our expenses by \$18K. Please continue to give so that we will meet our annual budget.

- The Nominating Committee would like you to prayerfully consider what areas of service you are passionate about. We would love to hear from you! Please contact a member of the committee - Norm Hiebert, Janna Olfert, Sharon Harms or Josh Muehling.

- 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 for inclusion in the Annual Report. Thank you!

- Once again our church is sponsoring a work team to travel to Ixtapa to serve the community up on the garbage dump. We build school classrooms, homes or shacks for single mothers, and develop class curriculum. This year the team will be in Mexico from Jan 1 - Feb 02. Gladys and Sid Reimer will be your host. Come and join us. Contact Sid as soon as possible for details and to confirm your spot on the team

Coming Events

Saturday, December 15, & 22 Advent Services

Friday, December 14, 7:00 p.m.

"Glory to God Christmas Choral Concert by Men of Song" at Bethel Mennonite Church, 465 Stafford Street. (Tony Schellenberg sings in this choir). See bulletin board.

Tuesday, December 18, 6:45pm Christmas Caroling for our seniors. 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.

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

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 1st 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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