



**December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 9:30 a.m.**

*Christmas Day Service*

**Prelude** Annie Schulz

**Gathering Thoughts** David Brubacher

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Call to Worship, Prayer**

Leader: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;  
on those living in the land of deep darkness  
a light has dawned.

**People: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,  
and the government will be on his shoulders.**

**All: *And he will be called Wonderful Counselor,  
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.***

**Carol** *Joy to the world* HWB #328, vv.1,4

**Passing of the Peace**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Offertory Carol** *Oh, how joyfully* HWB #209, v.3

**Prayers of the People**

**Christmas Carols**

**Grace Singers** *Unto Us a Child Is Born*  
**Congregation** *God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen*  
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**Women's Chorus** *Some Children See Him*

**Scripture Reading** John 1:1-14 [NT p.91]

**Carol** *Good Christian friends, rejoice* HWB #210

**Scripture Reading** Philippians 2:5-11 [NT p.197]

**Meditation** "And That Charlie Brown  
is what Christmas is all about" Mac Plunkett

**Carol of Response** *Love Has Come!* Grace Singers

**Benediction** Mac Plunkett

**Sending Hymn** *What Child is this* HWB #215, vv.1,2

*It is good to be together in worship this morning!  
The ushers are pleased to help any who need assistance.*

[Offering plate available on table at back of sanctuary]

## GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Attendance – 52      Budget Offering – \$3,656.77

### **Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup> – New Year's Day and Memorial Service**

[9:30 a.m.] Speaker: Laur Steven

**Scripture Texts** (Focus texts highlighted): **Ecclesiastes 3:1-13**;  
Psalm 8; Revelation 21:1-6a; **Matthew 2:31-46**

Please pray for **Erna Froese** and her family. Erna is now in palliative care.

Please continue to pray for **Deborah and Harry Nickerson** as doctors consider a way for her chemo treatments to continue.

Please pray for **Mary Sawatzky**. She is recuperating from various health issues and is in isolation and not able to have visitors.

**Joanne Janzen's** (former leader of the Northend Coop Preschool at Grace) brother Peter Westveer died on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> after complications related to chemotherapy. Joanne's niece, **Jennifer Westveer** (Peter's daughter) currently leads the Preschool program. Please keep the family in your prayers.

### **Pastoral Care Team (Grace Friends)**

Seasons Greetings from your Pastoral Care Team. Your pastoral care chaplain, Jan Steven, is available this week and most every week. If you'd like a visit, let me know in person at church, by phone 289-990-4839, or be email [janscats@gmail.com](mailto:janscats@gmail.com)

♪ **Women's Chorus** – Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.



## ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD



### From Mennonite Church Eastern Canada (MCEC)

\*Each week we pray for a faith community within the MCEC of congregations. This week we pray for **The Meeting Place** in Hamilton, ON. Sue Carr provides pastoral leadership for this group of young professionals, students and street affected folks.

\*Join in prayer for **Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission churches** affected by heavy rains and subsequent flooding in Kanshasa, the Democratic Republic of Congo. The flooding has resulted in deaths, destroyed roads, and lost homes. Pray for an end to the rains and for God's provision as those affected rebuild.

\*During this Christmas season, continue to **pray for peace and wisdom in Ukraine, Russia and in places throughout our world where the people cry out for peace.**



### A Moment for MCC: New Years Resolutions?

Are you considering making some changes in 2023? Why not resolve to shop first – for the things you need – at MCC Thrift on Grantham or the ReStore on Bunting? You'll save money. You'll raise money for humanitarian projects. You'll be environmentally friendly. And you'll make store volunteers very happy! 😊



## **God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen**

*God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,  
remember Christ, our Savior, was born on Christmas Day,  
to save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray.*

*O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;  
O tidings of comfort and joy.*

*From God, our heav'nly Maker, 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.*

*Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,  
with brotherhood and sisterhood each other now embrace;  
this holy tide of Christmas does bring redeeming grace.*

*O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;  
O tidings of comfort and joy.*

*God bless the family of this house,  
and with your grace sustain,  
and many a merry Christmas may live to see again;  
among your friends and kindred that live both far and near,  
and God send you a happy new year, happy new year,  
and God send you a happy new year!*

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