



January 22nd, 2023 9:30 a.m.

***Eyewitnesses:
We have seen the glory of God!***

Prelude Annie Schulz

Gathering Thoughts Laur Steven

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship, Prayer

Leader: The Lord is our light and salvation.

People: We will not be afraid.

Leader: Behold the beauty of the Lord!

**People: God will shelter us on any day of trouble
and set us high upon a rock.**

Leader: Let God's people shout for joy!

People: For Christ calls us and claims us as his own.

**All: Come and worship in unity and love;
let us rejoice together!**

Hymn *Blessed Jesus, at your word* HWB #13

Passing of the Peace

Offertory Prayer

Musical Reflection

Prayers of the People Laur Steven

Hymn *A wonderful Savior is Jesus* HWB #598 vv.1,2,3

Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:1-2 [OT p.638]
Psalm 27:1,9 [OT p.503]
1 Corinthians 1:10,11 [NT p.166]

Hymn *Dear Lord and Father of mankind* HWB #523

Scripture Reading Matthew 4:12-23 [NT p.3]

Meditation "FRAGILE" Jan Steven

Hymn of Response

Longing for Light

*Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.*

*Refrain: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.*

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

*Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.*

Refrain

*Many the gifts, many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Making your kingdom come.*

Refrain

Benediction

Jan Steven

Sending Hymn

Arise, Shine!

*Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of God has risen upon you.
Go forth, share with the world your joy;
God's glory has been revealed!*

Postlude

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 January 15th, 2023

Attendance – 44 Budget Offering – \$4,960.00

Sunday, January 29th [9:30 a.m.] Speaker: Mac Plunkett
Scripture Texts (Focus texts highlighted): **Micah 6:1-8**; Psalm 15;
1 Corinthians 1:18-31; **Matthew 5:1-12**

Pastoral Care Team (Grace Friends)

January, February, and March are dreary months for all of us. Remember that you are only a phone call or email away from a Friendly Visit and a cupcake. Contact Jan at 289-990-4839 or janscats@gmail.com or talk to me at church!

Please continue to hold Deborah and Harry Nickerson in your prayers.

Please be in prayer for the family of Erna Froese who died in the early hours of Sunday, January 15. The funeral was held at Grace Mennonite Church on Friday, January 20.

Please be in prayer for the family of Mary Willms who died midday on Tuesday, January 17. The funeral will be at Grace Mennonite Church on Tuesday, January 24 at 11 a.m., with visitation one hour prior to the funeral at 10 a.m.

Quilting every Thursday at 9 am.

Women will be quilting (both tying and fine quilting) every week. We will teach you if you are interested. See Anne Dyck or Irmgard Penner.

♪ **Women's Chorus** ~ Thursday, January 26th at 9:30 a.m.

Coffee Time after the Service ~ January 29th

Annual Reports ~ Please submit annual reports for the Grace Annual Report Book, via email, to the church office (Ester Funk) by **Thursday January 26th**. Contact the office for assistance if necessary, or if you wish to hand in a hard copy.

Annual Meeting ~ After the Worship Service on **Sunday, February 26th** in the Church Hall

ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD

The **First Mennonite Church** in Vineland is hosting a Portable CMU on February 3, 4 & 5. **Gerald Gerbrandt**, President and Prof Emeritus from CMU is coming to speak on the subject of "The Art of Reading Scripture".



From Mennonite Church Eastern Canada (MCEC)

*Each week we pray for a faith community within the MCEC of congregations. This week we pray for **Toronto United**

Mennonite Church. Michel Rae Rizoli and Peter Haresnape provide pastoral leadership for the congregation. Pray for this family of faith that welcomes people with diverse backgrounds and stories, worshipping together and supporting one another, while following Christ's example in working for peace and justice in an urban context.



A Moment for MCC: The Great Winter Warm-Up

Take the sting out of winter's chill by joining The Great Winter Warm-up. By the end of 2023, our goal is to donate a grand total of 45,000 blankets to our global neighbours who are dealing with conflict and disaster.

Your participation in our Great Winter Warm-up this February will go a long way in helping us meet that goal. During the month of February 2021, 4,384 comforters were created by people like you and donated to families in countries including Syria, Ukraine and Jordan. Your time and creative talents are helping to share a tangible message of God's love with those in need.

Together, we can share warmth and comfort to our global neighbours.

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