

For your calendar:

The next prayer gathering will be held on TONIGHT at Ron and Ruth Penner's house at 7pm



Coffee for December 10- Peter & Marlene
Coffee for December 17- John & Kathy

Birthdays this week Dec 4- Marilyn Dec 4- Nick
Dec 10- Daniel

The next Aberdeen Food Pantry will be held on December 9th.

There will be a congregational meeting Sunday, December 10th, after the service.

Our annual Aberdeen Christmas Concert and dessert Potluck will be held Sunday December 17th!

Prayer Points:

Please continue to pray for Sara as she adjusts to being at Deere Lodge for the next several weeks.

Please pray for Sol & Marilyn as they travel.

Beyond our Congregation:

L'arche Winnipeg's Christmas Pageant, is Monday December 11, 2017 at 7 pm at the Covenant Christian Reformed Church, 653 Knowles Avenue. Admission is free and a free will offering will be taken for the North Point Douglas Women's Center. For info call 204 237 0300.

Christmas Giving - This Christmas, give a gift that gives twice! Through MCC's Christmas Giving projects, you can bring joy to the people you love and transform lives around the world. Each gift comes with a card that explains the gift you've given. Choose from a variety of gift options that will be meaningful to friends, teachers, co-workers or family!

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Gathering

Call to worship

Leader: Awake!

The invitation to carry light
Comes from the God of trembling mountains
And shaking foundations

All: O God, your expectations terrify us.

**How can our small selves
Hold your blazing presence?**

(Pause for silence)

Leader: Quiet our questioning souls.

**All: Lead us beyond our resistance.
Let it be.**

Introduction of the Theme

Congregational Singing

172 HWB O Come, O Come Emmanuel
194 HWB Away in the Manger

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world;
the one who follows me will not walk in darkness but have the light of life."

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

Confession

O God of power and might,
we want you to tear open the heavens and come down,
yet we tremble and quake at the thought.

We confess that even though we know your light,
we do not like the dark, empty void
where your Spirit hovers over the waters.

We shake like leaves in the wind,
fearful of what you might ask,
afraid to trust you completely.

**Caught up in the swirling of our world
we struggle to "let it be."**

Forgive us, O God.

(pause for silence)

Words of assurance

O God, Emmanuel,
in Jesus, the Christ, you have come among us.
You have given us life, and we are restored

Hearing the Word

Scripture reading Isaiah 64:1-9 Mark 13:24-37

Congregational Singing 175 HWB O Savior, Rend the Heavens

Children's story- Herb

Sermon- Heather

Responding

Congregational Singing 614 HWB In the Bulb there is a Flower

Sharing & Prayer

Offering- Everett

Announcements

Sending

Congregational Singing 20 STS Walking Slowly unto Bethlehem

Benediction

As you go from this place,
may you be given peace.
When the presence of God shakes the world
in which you live,
may you remember that the invitation
to walk with Jesus is not a promise of safety,
but rather a call to courage.
May the Spirit embolden you to let it be. Amen.

Song Leader- Mo

Accompaniment- Deb, Esther, Pete

Isaiah 64:1-9 (NRSV)

64 O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
² ^[a] as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
³ When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
⁴ From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
⁵ You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.^[b]
⁶ We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
⁷ There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered^[c] us into the hand of our iniquity.
⁸ Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
⁹ Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Isaías 64:1-9 (NVI)

64 ¡Ojalá rasgaras los cielos, y descendieras!
¡Las montañas temblarían ante ti,
² como cuando el fuego enciende la leña
y hace que hierva el agua!
Así darías a conocer tu nombre entre tus enemigos,
y ante ti temblarían las naciones.
³ Hiciste portentos inesperados cuando descendiste;
ante tu presencia temblaron las montañas.

⁴ Fuera de ti, desde tiempos antiguos
nadie ha escuchado ni percibido,
ni ojo alguno ha visto,
a un Dios que, como tú,
actúe en favor de quienes en él confían.
⁵ Sales al encuentro de los que, alegres,
practican la justicia y recuerdan tus caminos.
Pero te enojas si persistimos
en desviarnos de ellos.^[a]
¿Cómo podremos ser salvos?
⁶ Todos somos como gente impura;
todos nuestros actos de justicia
son como trapos de inmundicia.
Todos nos marchitamos como hojas;
nuestras iniquidades nos arrastran como el viento.
⁷ Nadie invoca tu nombre,
ni se esfuerza por aferrarse a ti.
Pues nos has dado la espalda
y nos has entregado^[b] en poder de nuestras iniquidades.
⁸ A pesar de todo, Señor, tú eres nuestro Padre;
nosotros somos el barro, y tú el alfarero.
Todos somos obra de tu mano.
⁹ No te enojés demasiado, Señor;
no te acuerdes siempre de nuestras iniquidades.
¡Considera, por favor,
que todos somos tu pueblo!

Mark 13:24-37 (NRSV)

²⁴ “But in those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
²⁶ Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and
glory. ²⁷ Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds,
from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.
The Lesson of the Fig Tree
²⁸ “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts
forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ So also, when you see these things

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taking place, you know that he^[a] is near, at the very gates. ³⁰ Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

The Necessity for Watchfulness

³² “But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Beware, keep alert;^[b] for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴ It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵ Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶ or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷ And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

Marcos 13:24-37 (NVI)

²⁴ »Pero en aquellos días, después de esa tribulación,

»“se oscurecerá el sol

y no brillará más la luna;

²⁵ las estrellas caerán del cielo

y los cuerpos celestes serán sacudidos”.^[a]

²⁶ »Verán entonces al Hijo del hombre venir en las nubes con gran poder y gloria. ²⁷ Y él enviará a sus ángeles para reunir de los cuatro vientos a los elegidos, desde los confines de la tierra hasta los confines del cielo.

²⁸ »Aprendan de la higuera esta lección: Tan pronto como se ponen tiernas sus ramas y brotan sus hojas, ustedes saben que el verano está cerca. ²⁹ Igualmente, cuando vean que suceden estas cosas, sepan que el tiempo está cerca, a las puertas. ³⁰ Les aseguro que no pasará esta generación hasta que todas estas cosas sucedan. ³¹ El cielo y la tierra pasarán, pero mis palabras jamás pasarán.

Se desconocen el día y la hora

³² »Pero, en cuanto al día y la hora, nadie lo sabe, ni siquiera los ángeles en el cielo, ni el Hijo, sino solo el Padre. ³³ ¡Estén alerta! ¡Vigilen!^[b] Porque ustedes no saben cuándo llegará ese momento. ³⁴ Es como cuando un hombre sale de viaje y deja su casa al cuidado de sus siervos, cada uno con su tarea, y le manda al portero que vigile.

³⁵ »Por lo tanto, manténganse despiertos, porque no saben cuándo volverá el dueño de la casa, si al atardecer, o a la medianoche, o al canto del gallo, o al amanecer; ³⁶ no sea que venga de repente y los encuentre dormidos. ³⁷ Lo que les digo a ustedes, se lo digo a todos: ¡Manténganse despiertos!»