

**For your calendar:**



Coffee for December 17- John & Kathy  
Coffee for December 24- Kam & Sorn  
Coffee for December 31- Mak & Sokong

Birthdays this week Dec 10- Daniel    Dec 15- Mak Suon

There will be a drop in birthday tea for Melinda on Sunday, Dec. 17th from 1:30 to 3:00 in the Tea House at Bethania Home. Everyone is welcome and you can bring snacks to share if you like. A cake will be provided and we will have a card for people to sign.

The next Aberdeen Food Pantry will be held on December 23rd

There will be a congregational meeting today, 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 continues to adjust to being at Deere Lodge for the next while.

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## December 10, 2017 2nd Advent

### Gathering

#### Call To Worship

Leader: Awake!

The invitation to carry light  
comes from the voice who cries out  
for a smooth way through wild places.

**All: O God, your call is uncomfortable.**

**How can we who are weak  
remove the rough and rugged places?**

(pause for silence)

Leader: Quiet our questioning souls.

**All: Lead us into your presence so all can see  
your way.**

Leader: Let it be so.

#### Welcome

#### Congregational Singing

HWB 178 Come Thou Long Expected Jesus  
HWB Oh Little Town of Bethlehem

#### 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 these candles 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.

I will lead the blind  
by a road they do not know,  
by the paths they have not known  
I will guide them.

I will turn the darkness before them into light,  
the rough places into level ground.

These are the things I will do  
and I will not forsake them.

#### Reading

### Hearing the Word

Mark 1:1-8

Congregational Singing HWB 182 Oh How Shall I Receive Thee?

Children's story- Herb

Special Music- Alice and Linda

Message- John

### Responding

Congregational Singing STS 124 My Soul Cries Out

Reading: STS 65 Open My Eyes

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Offering

Announcements

### Sending

Congregational Singing STS 57 Go my friends in Grace

Benediction

As you go, may the voice of comfort  
speak peace and promise to you.  
May grace spring up from troubled ground  
and righteousness shine down from the sky.  
May the light of Christ dwell within you,  
and may you see clearly the path  
the Spirit is blazing for you.

Amen

Worship Leader: Ron

Accompanist: Emily

Song Leader: Ken

### **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! Visit [mccmb.ca/christmas](http://mccmb.ca/christmas) today.

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](http://cmu.ca/vespers).

### **Congregational Meeting Agenda**

- Worship and Ed Report
- Ministerial Report
- Spanish Ministry Report
- Building Report
- Refugee Fund Report

### **Marcos 1:1-8 (NVI)**

Juan el Bautista prepara el camino<sup>1</sup> Comienzo del evangelio de Jesucristo, el Hijo de Dios.<sup>[a]</sup><sup>2</sup> Sucedió como está escrito en el profeta Isaías: «Yo estoy por enviar a mi mensajero delante de ti, el cual preparará tu camino».<sup>[b]</sup><sup>3</sup> «Voz de uno que grita en el desierto: «Preparen el camino del Señor háganle sendas derechas»».<sup>[c]</sup><sup>4</sup> Así se presentó Juan, bautizando en el desierto y predicando el bautismo de arrepentimiento para el perdón de pecados.<sup>5</sup> Toda la gente de la región de Judea y de la ciudad de Jerusalén acudía a él. Cuando confesaban sus pecados, él los bautizaba en el río Jordán.<sup>6</sup> La ropa de Juan estaba hecha de pelo de camello. Llevaba puesto un cinturón de cuero, y comía langostas y miel silvestre.<sup>7</sup> Predicaba de esta manera: «Después de mí viene uno más poderoso que yo; ni siquiera merezco agacharme para desatar la correa de sus sandalias.<sup>8</sup> Yo los he bautizado a ustedes con <sup>[d]</sup> agua, pero él los bautizará con el Espíritu Santo».

### **Mark 1:1-8 (NRSV)**

The Proclamation of John the Baptist<sup>1</sup> The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.<sup>2</sup> As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way;<sup>3</sup> the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'"<sup>4</sup> John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.<sup>5</sup> And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.<sup>6</sup> Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.<sup>7</sup> He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals.<sup>8</sup> I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."