

Colossians 1:11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.

He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers--all things have been created through him and for him.

He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Luke 1:68-79

Blessed be our God, who has looked favorably on us and redeemed us. God has raised up a mighty savior for us from among the people who preserved the holy Word, and spoke through the mouth of these holy prophets from of old that we would be saved.

Thus God has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered the holy covenant, the oath that we shared beginning with our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our adversary, might serve without fear, in holiness and righteousness all our days.

And we, like the prophet of the Most High, will go before the one who reigns to prepare a way, to give knowledge of salvation to all people by the forgiveness of their sins.

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide all feet into the way of peace.

Beyond Our Congregation:

- **MHC Gallery's new exhibition for Nov/Dec:** "Shhh! Water's Talking! A troubled love affair between humans, lakes, and rivers." The exhibition is part of a yearlong "Talking Water Project" coordinated by Bob Haverluck.
- **Nov 24, SBC presents "The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe"**. Tickets may be purchased by calling 204-326-6451.
- **Nov 30, 2:00 and 7:00 pm, Christmas at CMU.**
- **Dec 1, Steve Bell and the WSO present "Keening for the Dawn, a journey through Advent, Nativity, and Epiphany"**. Tickets at the WSO box office 204-949-3999.
- **Dec 5, 12:00 – 3:00, CMU Christmas Craft Bazaar**, CMU students will be selling baking and artwork as well as handmade jewelry, pottery, and clothing.
- **Dec 6, 7:00pm – 12:00am, Friends of Stansberry Family Christmas Social, held at Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 1500 Day Street.** Tickets are \$25. All proceeds go for Stansberry Children Home and Daycare in Bolivia. For more details contact Larry Paetkau 204-802-1267.
- **Dec 7, 10:00 – 6:00, Sam's Place Annual Book and Bake Sale.**

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Worship Bulletin Submission

Please submit bulletin items to Tonya by **Wed evening 8:00 p.m.**

Please check our bulletin board for upcoming events and brochures.

ABERDEEN CHURCH

Sunday, November 24, 2013

Weekly Worship at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages following the service

Welcome to Aberdeen!

**Our worship is a response
to God's call to repentance and faith
Seeking to live in harmony with God's will
Extending our service and
witness in the name of Jesus Christ
59 years in North End Winnipeg**

Worship Service for Sunday, November 24, 2013

Gathering

Welcome
Call to Worship
Gathering Songs

HWB# 37 Praise to the Lord
HWB# 66 O Worship the King

Sharing and Prayer

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading
Congregational Singing

Colossians 1:11-20
HWB# 65 Praise my Soul
the King of heaven
HWB# 185 Hail to the Lord's anointed

Scripture Reading
Sermon

Luke 1:68 – 79
"A Candle;
Light for those in Darkness"
John Schlamp

Responding to God's Word

Reflections
Confession
Offering
Announcements
Closing Song
Benediction

HWB# 186 Fling wide the door,
unbar the gate

Worship Leader: Sunnie Friesen
Song Leader and Pianist: Deb Schiedel Lapp

HWB – Blue "Hymnal", STJ – green "Sing the Journey",
STS – purple "Sing the Story"

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- **Aberdeen Food Pantry** – The Food Pantry meets next on November 30th and December 14th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Birthdays this week:**  Nov 30 Garry Pelletier
- **Adult S.S. Elements of Worship:** Nov 24, Dec 1 & 8:
Today: "Does the space in which we meet help us to draw near to God?" Dec 1: "How do different forms of prayer help us draw near to God?"
- **Nov 24 – Youth Progressive Supper**, meet at Marilyn's at 5:45pm, pick up at Alice and Linda's at 9 pm.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- For Holly and her family, for her health concerns.
- MCC Voices for Non-Violence has designated November as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Manitoba. Pray for those victims, their families, and community leaders bringing light to this difficult issue.

ADVENT

- Advent 1 - Dec 1 communion during worship (No potluck)
- Advent 2 - Dec 8 (last S.S. classes)
- Advent 3 - Dec 15 Youth S.S. program and Enhanced Coffee
- Advent 4 - Dec 22
- Christmas 1 - Dec 29
- Epiphany – Jan 6



Coffee for next week Dec 1 Heather and Marv
Upcoming Coffee for Dec 8 Kan and Sorn

Prayer

God is our refuge and strength,
always ready to help in times of trouble.

**We give thanks for God's presence,
the Sovereign who dwells with us in humility,
accepting our pain and our weakness in love.**

So we will not fear, even if earthquakes come,
and the mountains crumble into the sea.

**We give thanks for God's promises,
that allow us to let go of the fears
and anxiety that keep us paralyzed,
that give the darkness such power over us.**

Let the oceans roar and foam.

Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge!

**We give thanks that we can grieve the losses,
we can mourn the destruction,
but they shall not consume us.**

God is with us, in grief as in love,
and our hearts shall be open to grace.

The Lord Almighty is here among us;
the God of Israel is our fortress.

**Where there are wars, bring your peace.
Where there is starvation, fill the empty bellies.
Where there is despair, bring your hope.
Where there is animosity, bring your reconciliation.
Where there is abuse, bring your tender mercies,
Where there is poverty, bring your charity.
Where there is illness, bring your healing.
Where there is grief, bring your gentleness.
Where there is injustice, bring your justice.**

Lord you are our mighty fortress, our strong deliverer.
In you we put our trust and release ourselves into your hands.

Thanks be to God! Amen.