

**“Worship Reflections” (Notes, Drawings, Questions, etc.)**



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**Worship Bulletin Submission**

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

Please check our bulletin board for upcoming events and brochures.

## ABERDEEN CHURCH

**Sunday, December 1, 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**

## First Advent: December 1, 2013

### O, the mystery of God's dwelling – Hope

*Focus Statement: The assurance of God's continuing presence is both sudden and expected, and ordinary living resounds with extraordinary implications. Let us wake to the establishment of the house of the Lord- **there is hope!***

### Inviting the Mystery

Welcome

Prelude and Silence

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Worship

Congregational Singing      HWB# 178 Come thou long expected Jesus  
STJ# 13 My soul is filled with joy

### Engaging the Mystery

Dramatic Reading      Isaiah 2:1 – 5

Lighting of the First Advent candle

Scripture Reading      Matthew 24:36 – 44  
Romans 13: 11 – 14

Silence

Sharing

Congregational Singing      STS# 15 Hope is a candle  
HWB# 189 To us a child of hope is born

### Celebrating the Mystery

Sermon      “The Mystery of God's Time”  
Sunnie Friesen

Congregational Reflections

Communion      Ministerial

Offering

Announcements

Congregational Song      HWB# 318 Joy to the world  
Benediction

Worship Leader: Rudy Niebuhr

Song Leader: Darlene Rempel


Pianist: Marcia Barkman

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 Dec 14<sup>th</sup> and Jan 11<sup>th</sup>

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Birthdays this week:**  Dec 4 Marilyn Funk  
Dec 4 Nick Niebuhr
- **Adult S.S. Elements of Worship** Dec 8: “How do different forms of prayer help us draw near to God?”
- **Budget Update:** To date we've received just over 80% of the \$84, 511 we budgeted for donations in 2013. We require another \$16,600 to meet our budget goal. Thanks for your continued giving!
- **Dec 8 & 15 Choir Practice**, 9:05 am, **Performance Dec 15 Christmas Program.**
- Executive is pleased to announce that Chuck Paetkau has accepted the half-time position as Building Manager of Trinity Place beginning Dec 1, 2013. As per concerns raised at the last congregational meeting, there will be a salary review included in our congregational meeting about the Budget in January. If you have questions, please speak to Jim.

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- For Holly and her family, for her health concerns.
- For Winnipeg Harvest, Siloam Mission, and other service agencies providing food and support to our homeless and disadvantaged in Winnipeg.

### EXECUTIVE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Trinity place; a number of items regarding building management (distribution of keys, tenant cleanliness, confirmation of Building Manager, table repairs, yard clean – up, kitchen reno, visioning for Trinity Place in the new year).
- Budget; review of current year and proposals for 2014.

### ADVENT

- Advent 2 - Dec 8 (last S.S. classes)
- Advent 3 - Dec 15 Youth S.S. program, Choir and Enhanced Coffee
- Advent 4 - Dec 22
- Christmas 1 - Dec 29
- Epiphany – Jan 6



Coffee for next week Dec 8 Kan and Sorn  
Upcoming Coffee for Dec 15 Tonya and Youth

### 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 30, 2:00 and 7:00 pm, Christmas at CMU**
- **Dec 5, 6, 7 @ 7:30 WESTgate's "Les Miserables" @ Deaf Centre Manitoba. \$10 Tickets available from Nick, Mikah and Adrianna-**
- **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.**
- **Dec 13 – 14, MCC in Canada: A 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference,** U of W. Beginning with a book launch of Esther Epp – Tiessen's new book "Mennonite Central Committee in Canada: A History". Admission is free, visit <http://mennonitestudies.uwinnipeg.ca/events> for details.
- **Dec 15, CMU Vespers, 7:30 pm,** come for a time of worship through prayer, scripture reading and choral music, in the Laudamus Auditorium. Free admission; all are welcome. (500 Shaftesbury Blvd. Winnipeg).
- **Dec 19, ICYA Christmas Party:** They need help with the following ... 1200 homemade cookies, volunteers, a caroling group, gift cards, hampers. Contact Dorian Funk at 204-582-8779 for more info. See poster at the mailboxes.

### Matthew 24:36 – 44

'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

### Romans 13: 11 – 14

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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