

“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 15, 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

Sunday December 15, 2013 – Aberdeen Christmas Celebration

O, the mystery of God's dwelling - Love

*In God's mysterious ways, the desert springs with life, desperation yields to hope, and all that is broken is transformed by the redemptive power of God. So let us seek the restoration of the house of the Lord – **there is Love!***

Inviting the mystery

Choir Es Ist Ein Ros Entsprungen
Call to Worship
Prayer of Invocation
Congregational Singing HWB# 197 Angels we have heard on high
HWB# 215 What child is this?

Engaging the mystery

Scripture Reading Isaiah 35:1 – 10; Luke 1: 46 – 55
Confession
Lighting the Advent Candle/Setting the Crèche
Congregational Sharing and Prayer
Gesell Quartet

Celebrating the mystery

Sunday School Presentation The Christmas Competition
Congregational Singing HWB# 193 Silent night, Holy night
HWB# 318 Joy to the world

Offering
Announcements
Closing Prayer
Choir Walking slowly to Bethlehem
Benediction

Worship Leader: Sol Janzen
Song Leaders: Mikah Friesen and Nick Niebuhr
Pianist: Mo Klippenstein
Choir Conductors: Deb Schiedel Lapp and Mo Klippenstein

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 Jan 11th and 25th

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Braeside Keenager Senior Choir Annual Christmas Concert, Tues Dec 17th, 7:00 pm at Braeside EMC Church.**
- **Budget Update:** Approximately \$2,700 is needed to meet our donation budget of \$84,511. We have received 96.8% of the budgeted donations.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- For the health and energy of our students and E.A.'s as they work towards the last days of school before Christmas break.
- For the people connected to our AMC Food Bank, that they would have enough to eat during the Christmas break until our next Food Bank Jan 11.

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION:

- **Tonight, 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 items for their hampers: Cookies, carolers, Non-perishable food items, toiletries (shampoo, soap, toothpaste), cleaning products, small infant toys, towels and washcloths, gift cards for groceries. Contact Dorian Funk at 204-582-8779 for more info. See poster at the mailboxes.
- **Dec 21, Winkler Community Male Choir Christmas Concert, 7:30 pm at Emmanuel Mennonite Church, Winkler.** The concert will benefit MCC's response in the Philippines for Typhoon Haiyan.
- **CMU Winter semester courses** offer opportunities to build on personal learning and professional career goals. For members of the community who want to study a course of personal or professional interest, view course offerings online at www.cmu.ca

ADVENT

- 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 22 Peter and Leona
Upcoming Coffee for Dec 29 Murray and Marg

Isaiah 35:1 -10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people;
no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.
No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there.
And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Luke 1:46 – 55

And Mary said,
'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
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