

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

**Aberdeen Evangelical Mennonite Church**  
265 Flora Ave., R2W 2R2  
Phone: 221-3000

**Sunnie Friesen, Pastor**                      **226-8080 (cell)**  
Office Hours:                                      Tues.–Thurs. 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
[aberdeenchurch1@gmail.com](mailto:aberdeenchurch1@gmail.com)

**Tonya Rempel, Secretary**                      **223 – 6436 (cell)**  
Office Hours:                                      Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
[aberdeenchurch2@gmail.com](mailto:aberdeenchurch2@gmail.com)

**Charles Paetkau,**  
**Trinity Place Building Manager**                      **230 – 6960 (cell)**  
[ccpaetkau@hotmail.com](mailto:ccpaetkau@hotmail.com)

**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 22, 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**

## Fourth Advent: December 22, 2013

### O, the mystery of God's dwelling - Joy

*In God's mysterious ways, skepticism and doubt are overcome by confident expectation and obedience, the joy of incarnation is accompanied by pain, and the power of God is held in the weakness of human flesh. So, let us receive the child who came to establish the house of the Lord – **there is joy!***

### Inviting the Mystery

Welcome

Silence

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Worship

Congregational Singing

HWB# 212 O come, all ye faithful  
STS# 26 Helpless and hungry

### Engaging the Mystery

Dramatic Reading

Isaiah 7:10 – 16

Lighting of the Advent candles

Scripture Reading

Matthew 1:18 – 25

Silence

Congregational Sharing

Congregational Singing

HWB# 191 O little town of Bethlehem  
STS# 20 Walking slowly unto Bethlehem

### Celebrating the Mystery

Sermon

Sunnie Friesen

Offering

Westen and Tanner Gesell

Congregational Reflections

Congregational Song

HWB# 193 Silent night, holy night

Benediction

Worship Leader: Ron Banman

Song Leader: Kate Niebuhr

Pianists: Esther Nikkel and Mikah Friesen

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 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>
- **January 19<sup>th</sup>** – Congregational Meeting following the service
- **January 24 – 26<sup>th</sup>** – AMC Youth retreat at Camp Assiniboia
- **January 26<sup>th</sup>** – AMC Church retreat at Camp Assiniboia

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Budget Update:** Thank you for your contributions! We are only \$216 away from our budgeted donation goal of \$84, 511.
- Tonya Rempel has resigned as secretary for Aberdeen Church as of Dec 31, 2013. We wish her all the best as she pursues other endeavors. May God continue to bless you on your journey Tonya! Thank you!!

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Please remember the following families in your prayers as they will be missing a loved one this first Christmas:
  - Brad, Lindsay and Allison
  - Jim, Deb and family

### BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION:

- **Jan 18 & 25, “Making sense of aggression”**, a 2 day course for parents and professionals, based on Dr. Gordon Neufeld's attachment theory. Fee is \$40/person. Register at [www.edenhealthcare.ca](http://www.edenhealthcare.ca)
- **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](http://www.cmu.ca)

### ADVENT

- Advent 4 - Dec 22
- Christmas 1 - Dec 29
- Epiphany – Jan 6



Coffee for next week Dec 29 Murray and Marg  
Upcoming Coffee for Jan 5 Randy and Charlotte

**Matthew 1:18 – 25**

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way.  
When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly.

But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said,

*‘Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife,  
for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.  
She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus,  
for he will save his people from their sins.’*

All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

*‘Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel’, which means, ‘God is with us.’*

When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

**Matthew 1:18 – 25**

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way.  
When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly.

But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said,

*‘Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife,  
for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.  
She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus,  
for he will save his people from their sins.’*

All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

*‘Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel’, which means, ‘God is with us.’*

When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.