

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

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Please submit bulletin items to the church office by **Thursday evening**.

## ABERDEEN CHURCH

**Sunday, January 12, 2014**

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**

Please check our bulletin board for upcoming events and brochures.

## Epiphany: January 5, 2014

### O, the mystery of God's dwelling – There is Light!

In God's mysterious ways, outsiders become insiders, strangers become brothers and sisters, and enemies become friends. So let us welcome all who come – *there is light!*

### Inviting the Mystery

Welcome

Silence

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Worship

Congregational Singing

HWB# 71 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

HWB# 318 Joy to the world

### Engaging the Mystery

Dramatic Reading

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Confession

Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

John 1:1-18

Silence

Congregational Sharing

Congregational Singing

SS# 32 O beautiful star of Bethlehem

SS# 30 Arise your light has come!

### Celebrating the Mystery

Sermon

Sunnie

Congregational Reflection

Offering

Adrianna

Announcements

Benediction

Worship Leader: Heather

Song Leader: Darlene

Pianist: Esther

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 12** – S.S. Resumes: Adult S.S., we will be completing a survey called the Global Anabaptist Profile (GAP). This survey is a project of MWC and our church has been invited to participate, representing the EMC (together with 21 other EMC churches). The purpose is to gather information about the theological convictions, worship practices, ethical commitments, and missional identity from a sample of MWC member conferences.
- **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:

- **Birthdays this week:**  Jan 11 Heather
- **Budget update:** Thank you for your contributions. We exceeded our donation budget by \$1690

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- For South Sudan as the two sides, the Dinka and the Nuer, prepare to begin peace talks in Ethiopia, for the fighting to cease, for the increasing number of displaced persons, for the deteriorating resources in the refugee camps and for MCC's 40 yrs. peacebuilding presence in Sudan.
- For our exec. as they give leadership to our transition as leaders at Trinity Place

### BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION:

- **Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> CMU Vespers, 7:30 pm**, come for a time of worship through prayer, scripture reading and choral music, in the Laudamus Auditorium.
- **Jan 18 & 25, 9:30am – 1:00pm, Eden Mental Health is offering a workshop, “Making sense of aggression”, Mennonite Heritage Village, Steinbach** - 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).
- **Jan. 11, 7:30pm A Night in Bangladesh: Stories of Transformation @ Sam's Place.** Inspiring stories from MCC service worker, Ross Penner, speaking on the transformative work and history of MCC in Bangladesh, including sustainable development, agriculture, and how MCC is working to create meaningful employment for women coming out of the sex trade.
- **Refugee sponsorship opportunities:** MCC's Refugee Program is looking for churches to partner with the Canadian government to immediately help people currently living in refugee camps to resettle in Canada. Call [\(204\) 925-1914](tel:2049251914) or email [ArisnelMesidor@mennonitecc.ca](mailto:ArisnelMesidor@mennonitecc.ca) or [BrianDyck@mennonitecc.ca](mailto:BrianDyck@mennonitecc.ca)



Coffee for next week Jan 12 Mak and Sokong  
Upcoming Coffee for Jan 19 Mo and Rudy

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**Matthew 2:1-12**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage."

When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
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Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising until it stopped over the place where the child was.

When they saw that the star had stopped they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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**John 1:1-18**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Church Secretary Wanted** - The executive committee is inviting expressions of interest for a church secretary position. This is a part time position of 5 hours/week. The main duties include producing the weekly bulletin, managing incoming mail, and telephone messages, maintaining church files and various lists, this position will start at the beginning of February. ***If you are interested in this position, please contact Jim by Wed. Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>.***