

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION:

- Free Refresh evening session **Thursday, Jan. 12 at 7:00pm** – Sanctity of Life (Abortion/Euthanasia) – as part of the 1-month evening intensive Today's Questions in Ethics at Steinbach Bible College with Michael Zwaagstra. No registration necessary. All are welcome to attend. For info, visit SBCollege.ca/Courses.
- Consider enrolling in a **CMU evening course** in 2nd semester - for credit or audit. Consider 'God through the Centuries; Women and Men; Children's and Young Adult Literature; Local Initiatives and Peace Processes; The Fifties and Sixties – North America Cold, Cool and Radical; Social Enterprise'...and many more. Seniors and alumni audit fees available. Go to cmu.ca for details.
- **MCC Manitoba welcomes applications for Migration & Resettlement Support Worker** based in Winnipeg. Applications are accepted until January 3. For more information and to apply, please visit <https://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/serve/openings/migration-resettlement-support-worker>

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Sunday, January 1

God's day of radiance is at hand. Come, walk in the way of God's heart.

Welcome

Call to Worship

Day has dawned! The light of Christ has come into the world.

We see God's radiance in creation and in our lives. We rejoice in God's boundless riches given for all. We worship and adore our Savior, Christ the Lord.

Come! Walk in the way of God's heart!

Candle Lighting and song STS 3 Come, light of the world

Congregational Songs STS 124 My soul cries out

STS 26 Helpless and hungry

Reading:

Oh God we come seeking you in our worship together

We come to you for truth

because we struggle with being true

We come to you for strength

because we struggle with our weakness

we come to you for wisdom and love

because our fears hide your love from us and each other.

Move in our midst show us your truth, your wisdom, your love, that you have placed in our hearts and that you have taught us. May we find the courage to live beyond our doubts, fears and pain and embrace the life that

Jesus Christ our Lord revealed to us.

Come, let us walk in the way of God's heart!

Passing the Peace

Listening to God's Word

Children's Story Shirley

Congregational Songs HWB 299 New earth, heavens new

Scripture reading Matthew 2:1-12

Isaiah 60:1-6

Message Sol Janzen

Responding

Sharing and Prayer

Offering Pete

Announcements

Congregational Song STS 32 Oh beautiful start of Bethlehem

Benediction: What fire comes to sing in you

A blessing:

This blessing had big ideas about what it wanted to say, what it wanted you to know, to see. This blessing wanted to open your eyes to the joy that lives in such strange company with sorrow— wanted to make sure to tell you, lest you forget, that no matter how long it seems absent, no matter how quiet it becomes, joy has never been far from you, holding a space of celebration, watching for you, humming as it keeps vigil. But now that it comes time to speak it— comes time to lay these words on your brow, your beating heart— all this blessing can think to say is Look— your life a candle, this day a match. Strike it and see what blazes, what fire comes to sing in you. (Jan Richardson)

Worship Leader: Ron

Song Leader: Mo

Guitar: Pete

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray that 2017 will be a year of love and kindness.

FOR YOUR CALENDER

- **Food bank:** Next meets on January 7 and 21
- **January 22:** Winter Retreat at Camp Assiniboia



Coffee January 8: Ben and Jessica

Upcoming Coffee January 15: Ron and Ruth

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Prayer Gathering Today** at Ron and Ruth's at 7 pm. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a snack to share after the service.
- **The Messenger:** In 2017, The Messenger will have six print issues and six website issues. This means that some church news will appear in online only. If you would like a printed version of the online copy, please let Genevieve know.
- **Highlights of EMC Conference:** Both electronic and print copies are available from Genevieve if you wish.