

## Church Family Announcements:

### Coffee:

December 2<sup>nd</sup> – Brad, Sandra  
December 9<sup>th</sup> – Rudy & Mo  
December 16<sup>th</sup> – Ron & Ruth  
December 23<sup>rd</sup>- Henry & Darlene



### Birthdays:

December 4- Marilyn

### Upcoming Events

The next Aberdeen Food Pantry will be held on **December 8th**.

Communion will be held on Sunday **December 9th**.

There will be no prayer night until January!

**December 15<sup>th</sup>** Melinda Penner's birthday party will be held on Saturday, Dec. 15 from 1:30 to 2:45 in the Tea House at Bethania. Feel free to bring a snack or just drop by. Cake will be provided.

**December 22<sup>nd</sup>** is the Spanish Service Christmas Celebration. Come and join them, with a Christmas dinner following the service.

**December 23<sup>rd</sup>**- Will be our annual Christmas desserts and snacks potluck after the service. Bring your favourite sweet or savoury treat to share!

## Aberdeen EMC



Welcome to Aberdeen!

Our worship is a response to Gods call to repentance and faith.  
Seeking to live in harmony with Gods will, we will extend our service and witness in the name of Jesus Christ.

Teresa Enns Zehr, Pastor  
Office Hours Monday – Thursday 1-5  
Worship Bulletin Submission by Noon on Thursday

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## Sunday December 2, 2018

### Focus Statement

This first Sunday of Advent we wait and watch with anticipation for the one who comes proclaiming righteousness in the name of the Lord. This week is about holding our hope in the coming Messiah while we wait and learn what it means for us to receive God's righteousness today.

### Gathering

Introduction to the theme

Call to worship

Leader: Now is the time of waiting and watching. We wait expectantly for the Messiah, for God's promises to be fulfilled.

**People: We turn to you, O God, in the midst of this chaotic world, longing for that day of salvation to arrive. How long must we wait?**

Leader: Pay attention, be still and know that God is with us. The signs are all around us.

**People: Fill us with the faith and the hope of what is to be as we come before you with open hearts.**

**All: Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

Prayer

Congregational Singing

Hope is a candle STS# 15

Come thou long expected Jesus

Lighting of Advent Candle

Prepare the way of the Lord.

We light this candle in hope,  
hope of our coming Savior, Jesus.

**Prepare, then, the way of the Lord.**

### Hearing the Word

Scripture: Jeremiah 33:14-16, Luke 21:25-36

Children's Story: Herb

Sermon: Esther

### Responding

Prayer of Confession- See insert

Words of Assurance- See insert

Congregational Singing

Longing for light STJ# 54

Sharing/Prayer

Offertory

### Sending

Announcements

Congregational Singing

O come, O come, Immanuel HWB #172

Oh, how shall I receive thee HWB #182

Benediction

A new day is dawning!

Despite what we see and hear in the world around us,  
the sunrise is coming.

When it comes, it will break through the darkness of our world—  
darkness caused by violence and death and hunger and despair.

And all those who now sit huddled in the shadows  
will be able to rise and walk with confidence in the light.

So go from here with courage and hope,  
to love and serve the Lord. Amen.

- based on Luke 1: 78-79

(taken from <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/11/benediction-luke-1-78-79.html>)

Worship Leader Teresa

Song Leader Ron

Accompanist Marcia

### **Things to note:**

- As of November 29th, \$35,000 is required by year end to meet our 2018 donation budget. We invite you to consider this as you plan your year-end giving. –The Executive.
- Last week during the church service you may have heard a car alarm go off. Unfortunately this was Daniel and Joanna's car. While they are grateful that nothing of great value was taken, this is a good time to remind everyone to make sure you don't leave valuables in your car, to make sure even small amounts of change are out of sight, and to make sure your car doors are locked.
- Several people at Aberdeen have sensitivities to fragrances and perfumes. In recognition of individuals with asthma, allergies and severe environmental/chemical sensitivities, Aberdeen is striving to be a scent-free environment. We ask that you refrain from wearing fragrances and scented personal care products on Sunday mornings. This includes perfume, cologne, aftershave and scented hair products. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

### **Prayer requests:**

- Please continue to pray for Teresa and Jeremy's 22 year old family friend Matthew, who was in a bad car accident this last Wednesday. He is in Surgical ICU at Health Sciences, with a brain haemorrhage, a broken femur and a broken ankle.
- Please pray for the three and a half year war in Yemen, and all the families that are affected by it. Pray for those who have lost children due to starvation, and those who are vulnerable. For ideas on how you can help, please see the "beyond our congregation" announcements.
- Let's continue to pray for those in the Migrant Caravan, facing daily struggles and hardships as they seek new beginnings.
- Let's remember to pray for those who struggle with loneliness, loss or trauma over the holiday season, as this can be a particularly hard time to get through.

### **Beyond our Congregation:**

#### **Canada Foodgrains Bank**

Members of the Foodgrains Bank are working together to [provide](#) life saving food to families like Ahmed's. With your support, partners in Yemen can quickly reach vulnerable women, men, girls and boys with food. For every \$100 given through the Foodgrains Bank, \$500 in food assistance will reach families in Yemen, thanks to a matching grant from the Government of Canada. Donate online at <https://donate.foodgrainsbank.ca/cart/checkout?appeal=200>

#### **Child Evangelism Fellowship**

We are celebrating what God has done through you in our very first #GivingTuesday Campaign! As you know, our goal was to raise **\$10,000** to fund Discovery Time classes in Public Schools across the province. We are excited to report that our total raised came to **\$5,355.00**, *that's 53% for our very first time utilizing Giving Tuesday!* Praise the Lord!)

#### **MCC**

Learning Tour: Health and mental health in Haiti – Join us in April 2019 to see MCC's work in action through a week-long learning tour to Haiti. For more information visit [mccmb.ca/haiti-health-learning-tour](http://mccmb.ca/haiti-health-learning-tour) or contact Brad Reimer at 204-261-6381. Those interested are invited to attend an information meeting held at 7 pm on December 11 at 134 Plaza Drive, Winnipeg.

MCC Canada welcomes applications for Donor Engagement Manager. Applications are accepted until December 7. For more information and to apply, visit [mcccanada.ca/donor-engagement-manager](http://mcccanada.ca/donor-engagement-manager).

MCC Canada welcomes applications for Digital Content Coordinator. Applications are accepted until December 7. For more information and to apply, visit [mcccanada.ca/digital-content-coordinator](http://mcccanada.ca/digital-content-coordinator).

MCC Canada welcomes applications for External Grants Coordinator, nine-month term. Applications are accepted until December 6. For more information and to apply, visit [mcccanada.ca/external-grants-coordinator-term](http://mcccanada.ca/external-grants-coordinator-term).

#### **CMU**

Celebrate the good news of Christmas by attending Messiah, featuring the CMU Festival Chorus and the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra. Saturday, Dec. 8 at 7:30 PM, Centennial Concert Hall. See [cmu.ca/events](http://cmu.ca/events).

CMU's Sunday@CMU Radio Program will feature a sermon series by Dr. Sue Sorensen, Associate Professor of English, starting Dec. 2. Sue explores Jesus' miracles and relates them to Advent/Christmas. Sunday@CMU airs Sunday mornings at 8:30-8:45 AM on CFAM 950 Radio and AM 1250 Radio.

All are invited to attend CMU Christmas Vespers on Sunday, Dec. 16 at 7:00 PM in the Laudamus Auditorium. Allison Pauls will lead the choir and Cheryl Pauls will be the reader. A reception will follow. See [cmu.ca/vespers](http://cmu.ca/vespers).

### Prayer of Confession

It is Advent. It is the season in which we prepare our hearts  
to welcome Christ, who is the bringer of all peace.

We confess to you the ways in which  
we block the peace of Christ in our lives.

**God of peace, hear our prayer.**

The rushing and scurrying to get things done,  
**we confess to you, O God of peace.**

The worry about the little details,  
The financial burdens we put on ourselves,  
**we confess to you, O God of peace.**

The impatience and irritability we feel and take out on one another,  
**we confess to you, O God of peace.**

The bickering and quarreling we get into because we are too busy,  
**we confess to you, O God of peace.**

Though we make ourselves less than peaceful at this time of the year,  
your peace is always there for us.

**Instill within us your peace, O God.**

When we feel overwhelmed,  
**instill within us your peace, O God.**

When we are filled with worry,  
**instill within us your peace, O God.**

When we become irritable,  
**instill within us your peace, O God.**

When the guilt of our ways threatens to overcome us,  
help us to remember that we are forgiven in Christ.

**Instill within us your peace, O God.**

Instill within us your peace, O God.

Instill within us your peace

and help us to make choices that bring us closer to you.

Help us to be more peaceful

so that we may spread Christ's peace and love to others.

**Amen.**

### Prayer of Assurance

Jesus, the long-expected Savior, was born to set us free.

He releases us from our fears and sins

and helps us find our rest in him.

Jesus delivers us from the way of sin and death.

Yet he remains the desire of people in every nation,

and he will direct us into the ways of his kingdom.

And so, with hopeful hearts, we call to him:

**Come now, long-expected Jesus,**

**come again to rule in our hearts. Amen.**

—inspired by Charles Wesley (1744)