

## Church Family Announcements:

### Coffee:

December 9<sup>th</sup> – Rudy & Mo  
December 16<sup>th</sup> – Ron & Ruth  
December 23<sup>rd</sup>- Henry & Darlene  
December 30<sup>th</sup>- Peter & Marlene Rempel



### Birthdays:

December 10- Daniel      December 15- Mak

### Upcoming Events

The next Aberdeen Food Pantry will be held on **December 22th.**

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!

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

### Ministerial:

Marlene Rempel    Aida Vidal  
John & Kathy Schlamp    Ron Penner

## 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.

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## Sunday December 9, 2018

### Second Sunday of Advent

Focus statement: On this second Sunday of Advent we listen with open hearts to the one who proclaims God's goodness embodied in the Messiah. By listening, we learn what we can do to prepare ourselves to live in right relationships as embodied in Jesus' life and message.

#### **Gathering:**

Call to worship

One: Prepare the way of the Lord, for things are about to change.  
**Many: Every valley shall be filled in and every mountain made low.**  
One: As we await the coming of the Messiah, we are called to prepare our hearts for his coming. **Many: We are called to turn around, repent, and allow God to renew us and work within us.**  
**All: Then we will see the salvation of our God!**

Opening songs

O come, all ye faithful	HWB 21
My soul is filled with joy	STJ 13

Prayer

Lighting of the Advent Candles

[after lighting the first Advent candle]

Prepare the way of the Lord.

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

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

[after lighting the second Advent candle]

Prepare the way of the Lord.

We light this candle in love,  
the love that Jesus, our Savior, has for us.

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

Congregational singing

Hope is a candle	STS 15
Comfort, comfort, O my people	HWB 176

Special music

Malaika

#### **Hearing the word:**

Scripture reading

Malachi 3:1-4, Luke 1:68-79, 3:1-6

Children's story

Shirley

Sermon

John

#### **Responding:**

Communion

Congregational sharing

Prayer

Offering

Special Music

Malaika

#### **Sending:**

Announcements

Closing song

Peace before us

STS 16

Closing blessing

Worship leader: Rudy    Song leader: Darlene    Pianist: Deb

#### Congregational Announcements:

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.

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.

## **Communion Prayer**

( <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/11/communion-litany-for-advent.html>)

In the beginning, O God, there was only you. We lived with you, walked with you, and your presence was like the light of a thousand suns blazing. Yet we turned away from that light and walked into the dark. We hid from the glory of your fire. Our eyes were blinded by your brightness. Even so, you did not turn from us. You gave us the promise of a new light, the hope of our reconciliation. You promised us your Son.

**We await the fulfillment of your promise. We look into the dark, with eyes unused to your radiance, and see an ember burning. Renew our eyes. Send us your light, O God.**

In the beginning, O God, there was only you. And you moved to save us from our blindness, to lead us from our dark wanderings, and to bring us back into the light of day. Little by little you have revealed your light. Little by little you have accustomed us to the coming fire. Through Sara and Abraham, through Jacob and Isaac, through Moses and David, through Mary and Joseph, you have slowly uncovered the ember of our hope still burning. You have revealed to us Christ Jesus.

**We have walked with Sara. We have walked with Abraham and all your prophets. We have tried to open our eyes to the light. Help us to see again. Help us to endure the light of your coming. Send us your light, our hope and our salvation. Send us your Son. Send us Jesus.**

In the beginning, O God, there was only you: Creator, Word and Breath. And from that beginning we see our birth. From that beginning we see our salvation. From that beginning we see our source of life.

**Come loving Parent. Come Lord Jesus.  
Come Holy Spirit. Come to us now.**

For the promise of our salvation, the ember of life still burning, is Christ Jesus who comes as one of us, who comes to save us, who comes to lead us into the light.

In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took the bread, and gave thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying, "This cup is the new covenant which is in my blood. Do this in remembrance of me"

For as long as you eat this bread and drink this cup you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes again.

**Through God and with God and in God is all glory and honour, all life and light, now and forever. Amen.**

Let us pray the prayer Jesus has taught us,

**Our Father who art in heaven...**

## **Beyond our Congregation**

### **CMU**

MU 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. Reception to follow. See [cmu.ca/vespers](http://cmu.ca/vespers).

### **MCC**

This Christmas, give a gift that gives twice! Through MCC's Christmas Giving projects, you can bring joy to the people you love and transform lives around the world. Each gift comes with a card that explains the gift you've given. Choose from a variety of gift options that will be meaningful to friends, teachers, co-workers or family! Visit [mccmb.ca/christmas](http://mccmb.ca/christmas) today.

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.