



Poole Mennonite Church

December 26, 2021

Mission Statement: To plant seeds of love and nourish roots in Jesus Christ to grow and harvest the Kingdom of God.

Prelude Karina a Natalie Ropp

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer



Opening Songs *Hark the Herald Angels Sing* VT 247

O Come All Ye Faithful VT 242

Offering Prayer (the plate is at the back in the foyer)

Children's Time: Children Christmas Program -Jenni Yantzi

Scripture Readings: Psalm 148
Colossians 3:12-17

Sermon: **Love, Hope, Peace and Joy** Pastor Fred

Song of Response *Joy To The World* VT 240

Sharing Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Sending Song: *Angels We have heard on high* VT 249
Benediction

Thanks to Karina, Natalie and the Audio-visual booth for their roles in the service.

Welcome to all who are here in person and those listening on-line.

This is the final service for 2021. Thanks for the great generosity that you have shown for the budget and mission projects of the Poole Church in 2021. If you want to do an e-transfer, talk to Justyne.

There will be no Sunday School today.

Last Sunday Attendance: 35

Sharing time: If you have a prayer request or would like to share something on a Sunday morning, please see Fred or Janet before the service or email Janet before Sunday morning.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- Poole Person to remember: **Ralph Kropf**
- **Merry Christmas**
- **Pray for our families**, that they keep safe, but still have meaningful Christmas distanced gatherings
- **Pray to God** for our year as a community of faith. Ask God to deepen our journey together
- **Pray for our** families with young children
- **Pray for us** who are grieving loved ones.
- **Praise God for the Poole** church as it moves into 2022
- **HAPPY 2022**
- **Smile**
- **Laugh**
- **Be safe and** be well.





Volunteers Needed: VON Perth-Huron is looking for Palliative Care volunteers. There are several ways you can help support those in Palliative care, please see the poster on the bulletin board for more details.

Coming Events:

Tues. Dec. 28: Blood Donor Clinic at Perth East Recreation Complex 1 to 7 p.m.



Mon. Jan. 3: Wellesley Blood Donor Clinic 2 to 8 p.m.
Wellesley Community Centre

Thurs. Jan. 6: Church Council 7pm. By zoom or at the church.

Sunday January 9: Clarence Catchagee, from Cree First Nation will be here. Be in prayer.

PWIM will be meeting on **Tuesday, Jan. 11** at 9 am rather than on Jan. 4. Quilting, knotting and fellowship. Coffee and tea will be provided. Bring your own lunch. Please wear your mask to come.



Jan. 13. Annual reports due to secretary



Praying in the New Year

Creator of this new year, and every year, thank you for the changeable gift of time. Some years slip through our fingers like too many beads to hold, beautiful memories bouncing every which way. Other years are like burrs in our hair, unwanted, uncomfortable, and really hard to shake off. We stand at this threshold of the old and the new, hoping for a good year. We all want health and peace in our time, we want safety for loved ones, food on the table every day and clean fresh water. For gifts we have received this past year, we give you thanks and praise. And for gifts we will receive next year, we give you thanks, in advance.

Carol Penner



2022 is the 200th anniversary of C hristian Nafziger's land **Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp** is looking to hire a part-time facilitator for CLASP, a community and life skills program for young adults with special needs. For details, visit our website (<https://hiddenacres.ca/opportunities/year-round-employment>) or contact Chris Pot at 519-625-8602 or chrispot@hiddenacres.ca.

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Poole Mennonite Church

December 24, 2021

Christmas Eve Service



Prelude Wendy

Welcome & Call to Worship



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Lighting of the Christ Candle

Song

He Came Down

Shirley Redekop

VT 239

Opening Songs Angels We Have Heard On High VT249

Away In A Manger VT 257

Scripture Reading Matthew 1:18-2:12 Wendy Dunn

Song T'was in the Moon of Wintertime HWB 190

Scripture Reading Luke 2:1-20 Connie Gerlach

Meditation Pastor Fred

Hymn of Response Joy To The World VT 240

Virtual Communion

Guided meditations for the bread and cup

Prayers for the World



Candle lighting

Sending song Silent Night, Holy Night" VT 244



Benediction

Postlude

Thanks to everyone for their roles in the service.

The Poole Church wishes you a sacred celebration of the birth of our Saviour. May you find God in the manger once again. MERRY CHRISTMAS.



"Christmas Reading "

God came to us because he wanted to join us on the road, to listen to our story, and to help us realize that we are not walking in circles but moving towards the house of peace and joy. This is the great mystery of Christmas that continues to give us comfort and consolation: we are not alone on our journey. The God of love who gave us life sent his only Son to be with us at all times and in all places, so that we never have to feel lost in our struggles but always can trust that he walks with us. The challenge is to let God be who he wants to be. A part of us clings to our aloneness and does not allow God to touch us where we are most in pain. Often we hide from him precisely those places in ourselves where we feel guilty, ashamed, confused, and lost. Thus we do not give him a chance to be with us where we feel most alone. Christmas is the renewed invitation not to be afraid and to let him-whose love is greater than our own hearts and minds can comprehend-be our companion." Merry Christmas from the editors and staff of America magazine. May the joy of the newborn Christ fill your heart with hope.

From Henri Nouwen in Gracia



