



Poole Mennonite Church

December 3, 2023

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT- "How Will We Know"

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

Prelude

Announcements

Welcome & Call to Worship & Prayer

Lighting the First Advent Candle

Songs *We Come*

VT # 225

Here I am to Worship

VT # 227

Offering Prayer (plate on the table in the narthex)

Childrens' Time

Scripture Readings *Isaiah 40: 1-4*

Mark 1: 1-8

Message "What Now"

Pastor Fred

Hymn of Response *Comfort, Comfort, O My People* VT # 212

Sharing of our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Closing Song *Prepare the Way! the Prophet Called* VT # 220

Benediction

Welcome to POOLE MENNONITE CHURCH. Today is the Second Sunday of Advent. The theme for these four Sundays before Christmas is "How will We Know? We are in the season of waiting, so what exactly are we to 'do' or 'be' during December? Welcome Jesus in a new way? May your season of Advent be one of joy and peace in God. Grab a coffee & snack and come back for conversation.

Thanks to Connie G, Norm, Marie, Wendy, and the **Audio-Visual** booth for their roles in the service.



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

Last Sunday Attendance: 86

'Tis the season...for cold and flu. A reminder not to attend church if you are feeling unwell and that masks continue to be optional.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- Poole Person to remember **Katie Kuepfer**
- **Pray for those** at Poole who are going through health treatments.
- **Ray Schultz will** have hernia surgery on Monday morning. Pray for Ray & Brenda.
- **December 17 is** the Sunday School Program. Pray for Ruth Bahr and the children as they prepare.
- **Thank you for** your generosity to the Annual church budget.
- **No Church service** this year in Bethlehem for Christmas. Pray for peace and the end to the destruction.
- **May the words** of the angels come about this year, " Glory to God in highest heaven and earth peace ... " from Luke 2
- **Pray for our** congregation as it awaits God's voice for us in 2024.
- **Remember our university & college** students as they finish up their semesters.
- **Pray for the** Loaves and Fishes Food Bank as it prepares its Christmas hampers for its clients.
- **HAVE A GREAT DAY**



Need someone to join Agape Annual Meeting by Zoom. If you're interested please talk to Janet.

ADVENT- 2023

December 24 - "Why Me?" Psalm 89 and Luke 1
Christmas Eve - "It is beginning, again" Luke 2



Advent means come. We know the birth happened in Bethlehem. We will be re-celebrating the many events and characters of the first birth. We want God to come again into the life of the church. We want our community to be changed. We want safety for everyone and peace to come into the world. This is a lot to ask for one Advent season, so let us anticipate that God will hold our hands as we experience the season. Let us look forward to God being with us for a visit. Let us 'be' this month of December, and not be so much 'doing' in the season of looking for the coming of a baby.

Shalom Fall 2023 Newsletter, Seedlings. On the mission bulletin board. If you like a copy, ask Janet.

Coming Event

Dec. 17: Sunday School Christmas Program 10am.

December 24th we will have both a morning worship and evening Christmas Eve service at 7pm. In the evening we will celebrate communion.



Jan. 15. Annual reports due to secretary

Calling for Tenders: The Trustees are now calling for tenders for the following: Lawn cutting, ground maintenance, Snow blowing & snow shovelling. Tenders to be given to Ken Erb erbken@gmail.com or Jeremy Brenneman jb_13@hotmail.com by Jan. 15.



Community/Cluster

Advent Jazz Vespers - December 11, 7:00 pm at Rockway Mennonite Church (47 Onward Ave., Kitchener). Come for a time of reflection and jazz-inspired music for the Christmas season.



Prayers for December
Let all beings on the Planet be healthy, loved and prosperous.
Let the New Year bring Joy to all.

Silver Lake Mennonite Camp: SLMC Out trips – Registration opens Dec. 1 for children and teens who would like to participate in an overnight hiking or canoe trip during Summer 2024. Sign up before Feb. 1 to get \$100 OFF. Visit slmc.ca/summer-camp.

SLMC 2024 Retreats – Registration for 2024 retreats at Silver Lake opens Dec. 1. See the full list of retreats at slmc.ca/retreats.

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