

Community/Cluster

Wed. December 27 - Blood Donor Clinic @PERC 1 to 7pm.

For unto you is born this day
in the city of David
a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.
And this will be a sign for you:
you will find a baby
wrapped in swaddling cloths
and lying in a manger.
— Luke 2:11-12 (ESV)



Silver Lake Mennonite Camp

SLMC Summer Outtrips – Registration is open for overnight hiking and canoeing trips. Sign up before Feb 1 to get \$100 OFF. Visit slmc.ca/summer-camp.

SLMC Retreats - Many fun retreats coming up this winter! Click here for detailed descriptions and to register for the weekends below... slmc.ca/retreats

- **Fathers & Kids Retreat** (Jan 19-21)
- **Women’s Retreat** (Feb 2-4)
- **Valentine’s Day Getaway** (Feb 9-11)
- **Winter Camp for Grownups** (Mar 1-3)

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Poole Mennonite Church

December 24, 2023

FOURTH 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 Fourth Advent Candle

Opening Songs *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

VT # 241

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

VT # 247

Offering and Prayer

Childrens’ Time

Scripture Readings

Psalm 89:1-4

Luke 1:26-38

Message

“Why Me?”



Advent



Pastor Fred

Hymn of Response

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

VT # 218

Sharing of our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

Closing Song

O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem

VT # 275

Benediction

Postlude

Welcome to POOLE MENNONITE CHURCH. Today is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. The theme for these four Sundays before Christmas is “How will We Know? The theme for today is love. We are waiting for love to explode all over the world.

Sorry no coffee this morning.

Thanks to Bonnie, Paul, Fred and the **Audio-Visual** booth for their roles in the service.

Last Sunday Attendance: 77

" **If you want** a contribution to be included in your 2023 contribution receipt please ensure your cheque or cash is given before noon on December 29th. Justyne is required to have deposits into the bank before the end of day on December 29th. If you are contributing via etransfer you can send the funds any time before end of day December 31st as the funds are deposited directly into the account. If you have any questions please contact Justyne."



PRAYER AND PRAISE

- Poole Person to remember **Beatrice Gee**. Happy 90th Birthday on Dec. 30.
- **Glenda Byrd is** at the hospice in Stratford. Pray for her and her family.
- **Thank you for** your generosity to the mission and budget of Poole church.
- **Pray for others** who are going through health treatments.
- **Remember Wellesley Mennonite**, as they are looking for interim pastoral leadership.
- **Pray for a ceasefire** to happen today in Gaza.
- **Remember the people** of Ukraine as they suffer from the war there.
- **Pray for the leaders** in the United Nations, as they work for justice and reconciliation in our world.
- **Read both Matthew and Luke** for the whole birth story.
- **That is a wrap. Merry Christmas.**



'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.



The Sunday School wants to extend a big thank you to Jenni Yantzi for putting the videos together for the Program. Also, to Jason Y and boys for setting up and taking down, Jen Leis for all the extras you did to help and a special thanks to Cindy Schultz for supplying the cupcakes and ice cream for our Jesus birthday party downstairs afterwards. May God bless each of you.

Missions committee would like to thank **Connie Jantzi** for organizing and Poole congregation for supporting the Fundscrip gift cards this year! There was \$744.95 raised! Great work!!

The Board & Staff of Optimism Place; Would like to thank you for your financial support! Your donation (gift) goes a long way in providing support and services to women and children across Perth County. Letter on Mission Board.

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

Coming Event

Christmas Eve service at 7pm. We will celebrate communion.

Jan. 2: PWIM – At 9am. Our first meeting of the New Year. Everyone is welcome for quilting, comforter knotting & fellowship. Bring your lunch. Tea & Coffee provided.



Jan. 15. Annual reports due to secretary

Jan. 16. Church Council - Report in by Jan. 5/24.

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.





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December 24, 2023

Christmas Eve Service

How Will We Know?



- Prelude Wendy Dunn
- Welcome and Call To Worship
- Lighting of the Christ Candle
- Songs *Here I am To worship* VT # 227
My Soul Proclaims With Wonder VT # 222
- Scripture Reading Luke 1:55-66
- Song *O Little Town of Bethlehem* VT # 245
- Special Music "O Holy Night" Jim Brenneman
- Scripture Reading Luke 1:67-79
- Song *O Come All Ye Faithful* VT # 241
- Scripture Readings Luke 2:1-20 Matthew 2:13-14
- Meditation "It is beginning, again" Pastor Fred
- Song of response *Joy To The World* VT # 240
- Communion Come forward for the Bread and Cup
(there are offering baskets at the front for the Benevolent Fund
The funds meet the needs of emergencies in the Poole
community.)
- Lighting of the Candles of Christ
- Natalie Ropp Postlude  VT # 244
silent night
holy night

In Christ's human life, there were always a few who made up for the neglect of the crowd. The shepherds did it; their hurrying to the crib atoned for the people who would flee from Christ. The wise men did it; their journey across the world made up for those who refused to stir one hand's breadth from the routine of their lives to go to Christ. Even the gifts the wise men brought have in themselves an obscure recompense and atonement for what would follow later in this Child's life. For they brought gold, the king's emblem, to make up for the crown of thorns that He would wear; they offered incense, the symbol of praise, to make up for the mockery and the spitting; they gave Him myrrh, to heal and soothe, and He was wounded from head to foot....
From Dorothy Day

Merry Christmas



Welcome to our Christmas Eve Communion Service. May you experience through the service, the love of God, intended for all people at the birth of Jesus.

