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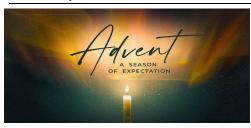
December 7, 2025

Worship Service: prelude begins at 9:20 am; worship begins at 9:30 am.

Note: Hearing devices are available – please ask an usher.

ALL AGES are welcome in our worship service! For little hands, activity bags are available in the foyer, and quiet activities in the "AMEN" Corner.

Fellowship time follows the service in the basement. All are welcome.



Advent 2 Be Amazed

Look at the nations and see!
Be astonished! Be astounded!
For work is being done in your days
that you would not believe if you were told.
(Habakkuk 1:5 NRSV)

Prelude (you are invited to hum along)

Angels from the Realms of Glory (VT 265)
O Come, O Come Emmanuel (VT 210)
The Angel Gabriel (VT 221)
'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime

O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem (VT 275)

Fern, Pianist

Gathering

Song *Holy Spirit, Come with Power* VT 57

Susan, Song Leader

Krista, Worship Leader

Words of Welcome Announcements Silent Reflection

Call to Worship (Based on Ezekiel 37:1–14)

Leader: God in our desert, you are our peace in all places.

People: Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off

completely.

Leader: Thus says the Lord GoD: "Come from the four winds, O breath,

and breathe upon these slain, that they may live."

People: Can these dry bones live?

Leader: The wind of God moves among these dry bones. Stand and live!

(Everyone stand)

People: We are the people of God, a vast multitude, filled with God's

Spirit.

Leader: "I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live. I will place you

on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have

spoken and will act," says the LORD.

All: You are the only source of true life, O God. You breathe new life

into our dry bones and fill us with your peace. We stand before

you, ready to enter your story and be amazed.

Opening Prayer

Praising, Adoring, Thanking

Song Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands VT 485

Scripture Ezekiel 37: 1-14 Rob

Confessing Sin & Receiving Assurance of Forgiveness

Prayer of Confession

Hymn of Assurance Breathe on Me, Breath of God VT 737

acc. by Fern, pianist

Sharing Time

Congregational PrayerPeterSpecial MusicLo, How a Rose(VT 216)

Mixed Quartet*

VT 237

Candle Lighting Litany

Leader: We have been wandering in the dark, our spirits dry and cracked from conflict, aching for peace to pour into the crevices to revive

us.

People: Come, Peace of the world. Come amaze us.

All: May Your peace fill the cracks in our dry, brittle bones. Bind us together, strengthen and unite us, that we might dance!

Music Away in a Manger (VT 257) Lighting the Advent Candle Jeff

Advent Theme Song Now the Heavens Start to Whisper

Offering Prayer

Coin Collection in support of 'Nutrition for Learning' program at local

elementary schools.

Song Grant Us, God, the Grace VT 746

Moments for the Young and the Young at Heart Rose Proclaiming God's Word

Song O Come, O Come Emmanuel (vs. 7) VT 210

Scripture *John 11: 25-26*

Message May these Bones of Peace be Resurrected

Fred

Hymn If the War Goes On VT 794

Blessing/Sending

Benediction Pastor Kara

**Livestream ends **

Congregational Sharing and Prayer in Sanctuary Sending SongThe Lord Lift You Up

VT 832

Christmas Corner

- Community Choir & Carol Sing, <u>TODAY (Sunday, Dec. 7), 7 pm,</u> Gale Presbyterian Church. See poster.
- Christmas Choir, led by Gord, is preparing EMC's Christmas Eve service. Rehearsals: Tuesdays Dec. 16, 23 at 7 pm, MPR.
- Faith Formation Team has engaged a professional storyteller to bring the "lesson" for the children and Jr. Youth Dec. 14.
- "Nativity Scene" photo opportunity, an opportunity for every household to contribute by forwarding a photo of yourself/household with your nativity scene or other meaningful Christmas setting to admin@elmiramennonite.ca by December 15. Photos will be shared with the congregation during an upcoming worship service.
- Christmas Carolling and Soup Lunch note the changes this year! Please join the Mid-week Hymn Sing on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>Dec. 16</u>, <u>10 am</u> for carolling. A soup lunch will follow. Anyone over 80 will be phoned and offered a ride. If you plan to attend, please <u>sign up</u> on the ramp. Also, please sign up if you are able/willing to provide soup or cookies/squares.
- Carolling & Cookies with participation from all ages, <u>Sunday</u>, <u>Dec. 21</u>, <u>11</u>
 <u>am</u>, BFH. There will be a quiet activity available for the children.
- "The Longest Night service, <u>Sunday, Dec. 21, 7 pm</u>. All are welcome to attend a community <u>Blue Christmas Service</u> When Christmas Hurts at St James Lutheran Church, Elmira (co-led by Pastor Kara).

- Christmas Eve Service, Wednesday, Dec. 24, 6 pm. Invite family, friends and neighbours! The offering will be divided between Mennonite Central Committee and Woolwich Community Services.
- Christmas/New Year's worship time/brunch potluck, <u>Sunday, Dec. 28</u>,
 9:30 am, Basement Fellowship Hall. Please bring brunch-style food to share AND your own table service (dishes).
- Epiphany Sunday service, <u>Jan. 4/26, 9:30 am</u>.

EMC Happenings

Sun., Dec. 7 Advent 2 Worship Service, in-person & live-streamed (9:30 am) Faith Formation for children & Jr. and Sr. youth (11 am - pageant rehearsal (S) Adult Faith Formation – ET sharing of Ad Hoc committee report and next steps (11 am; BFH) Private booking (12 pm; BFH, K) Community Choirs and Carol sing (7 pm; Gale Pres.)
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Mon., Dec. 8 Young Women's Small Group (7:30 pm; ZOOM)
Children's choir (6:30 pm; 1C)
Facilities Team (7 pm; MPR)
Tues., Dec. 9 Community Engagement Team (7 pm; BR)
No Christmas Choir practice this week.
Women's coffee & Potluck lunch (gather at 10:30 am,
lunch at 11:30 am; Rita's home)
Men's coffee (10:30 am; Golf Course restaurant)
Wed., Dec. 10 Small Group (1 pm; K, MPR)
Worship Resource Team (2 pm; BR/ZOOM)
Pastoral Care Team (7 pm; BR)
Thurs., Dec. 11 Private booking (1:45 pm; 1C)
Fri., Dec. 12 Small group (9:30 am; BR)

4-Church Youth Events

Feb. 20-22	Sr. Youth Winter Retreat (Silver Lake Mennonite Camp)
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^{*}Mixed Quartet: Jeff, Marcus, Rebecca, Phyllis