

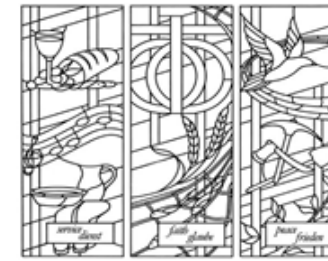
Prayer for Our World

- **Witness workers isolated from family back home** - As many of us here in Canada celebrate Christmas distanced from family, pray for International Witness workers and their families as they celebrate, while also distanced. Several of the workers have given up scheduled trips back to Canada to see family in the last year in order to keep working in their country of ministry. Pray that we all experience God's promise of Emmanuel.

- **Prayer for church and leaders in Ethiopia** - Please continue to pray for the situation in Tigray, Ethiopia. Pray for unity within the Meserete Kristos Church that includes all ethnic groups in Ethiopia. Pray for safety for the Eritrean refugees in camps in that area. Pray that God's peace will reign and that leaders will be given wisdom to act for the good of all.

- **Bethlehem hard hit by absence of tourism during pandemic** - As we sing and read about Bethlehem this season, pray for the ministry of Bethlehem Bible College. Pray for the people of Bethlehem, hard hit by the absence of tourism in this time of COVID-19. Pray that once again the message of peace will be proclaimed across the hills.

If you would like to add or remove any prayer requests, please contact the church office.



Altona Mennonite Church

Sunday School – Adults & Children: 10:00 am
Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 am

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On the Road...to Radiance

Coming Together

Prelude

Welcome

Epiphany

New Years - vision/resolution for the church from
Ephesians 3

Hymn HWB #199 The First Noel, the angel did say v.1,3,5

Call to Worship

(Adapted from Isaiah 60:4-6; Psalm 72:12)

Leader: Lift up your eyes and look around:

People: God delivers the needy when they call.

Leader: Let your hearts thrill and rejoice:

**People: God will deliver the poor and those who have
no helper.**

Leader: The nations will bring gold and frankincense before
the Lord.

People: We shall see and be radiant,

All: and we will proclaim the praise of the Lord!

Hearing the Word

Hymn HWB #195 It came upon a midnight clear v.1-4

Magi Memories Albert Bergen

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Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.

Hymn STS #32 Oh, beautiful star of Bethlehem
Scripture Isaiah 60: 1-6 Matthew 2:1-12
Message: On the Road WITH Radiance Dave Regehr

Responding

Hymn HWB #216 Christ, whose glory fills the skies
Prayer based on Psalm 72
Hymn STS #30 Arise, your light is come!
Benediction

Worship Leader: Ray Hamm

Music: Dave & Hildie Regehr, Ken & Elaine Loewen, Sandra Klassen

Sound: Kevin Neufeld

Worship & Meeting Events at AMC

January 6 7:15 pm Worship Committee
January 10 Sharing Sunday
Theme: Cultivating Kindness...“Where are you on the road?”
Speaker(s): Dan Kehler, and others *Scripture:* *Worship Leader:* Marge Friesen *Musicians:* Gina Enns, Kevin Neufeld
Sound: Perry Batchelor
January 15 Reports for the AGM due
January 17 service on-line
January 20 7:30 pm Leadership Committee
January 24 Worship Service
January 31 Worship Service
Feb. 7 Projected date for an AGM, platform to be decided

Birthdays: January 4 – Kevin Neufeld; January 6 – Ken Braun, Teresa Braun; January 7 – Ryan Ratzlaff, Devan Gerbrandt

AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- From the Worship Committee re Sunday, January 10:

On the Road has been our theme throughout Advent. 2020 has been quite the adventure. Whether the road has been smooth, bumpy, or had its ups and downs, a new calendar year offers us a chance to look back, but also forward. What hopes do you have for this new year? Whether big or small, we invite you to write them down and share them, to be read by our worship leader during our January 10 service. They can be read on your behalf or anonymously. Please submit them to altonamennonite@gmail.com or loridueck@gmail.com by Wednesday, January 6.

- If you are interested in joining the sound/video team at AMC,

please let the church office know. You'd be part of a rotation, like 1 Sunday every 5 weeks or so. You'd be needed to run the sound/video system when the services are (pre)recorded. For further details as to what the position entails, contact Kevin Neufeld.

- From the treasurer: You have again responded generously to the pleas for further donations; thank you! With a half day remaining for possible e-transfers or cheque deliveries, we had sufficient funds to meet all our expenses, send designated funds, plus fulfill our commitments to Youth for Christ, MCI and MCC. We will likely, however, be able to send only a small portion of our 4th Quarter commitment to Mennonite Church Canada. Thank you again for supporting the work of the Church.

You may contribute online if you bank at Access (using your 7-digit phone number as your account number) make an e-transfer to amchurchdonations@gmail.com, or send or bring a cheque to AMC (Box 1237) or Norma Thiessen's house, at 148 4th Ave. SW in Altona. Thank you again.

WIDER COMMUNITY & MISC. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mennonite Church Manitoba invites applications for two positions: Financial Services Assistant (.75 FTE) and Administrative Assistant (0.5 FTE) to start ca. February 1, 2021. These job descriptions are posted on the Mennonite Church Manitoba website. Please submit application letter and resume to Peter Rempel, Interim Administrator, at office@mennochurch.mb.ca by January 10.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- Pray for Pastor Dan Kehler, and for Dave & Hildie Regehr as they together lead the church.
- Harv Heinrichs is grateful for your prayers. His weekly treatments for lymphoma are now done.
- Pray for Ken & Marianne Braun and Mike Tarnick who are at Eastview.
- Ken Hamm was discharged from the Altona Hospital on Sat Dec 12. He is very happy to be back home after being in the hospital for almost 3 months. His discharge could only happen because he was progressing in his strength to walk and move about in a walker. Also his appetite is coming back so this really helps in getting his strength back. He is still quite limited and family is stepping in to help. The OT and homecare are involved in helping Ken get his independence back as much as possible. Pray for continued healing.
- Anne Loewen goes for chemotherapy monthly. Pray for strength, safety and peace.
- Pray for all those for whom mental health makes daily life a struggle. The current situation increases anxiety for many.
- Pray for those who experience physical pain, and for friends and family who help with their care.
- Many of our church family have other family they are concerned about. Pray for healing, strength and calm for all.

Prayer for Our Community

- Pray for ALL the teachers, students and staff as they navigate all the regulations and requirements.
- Pray also for the Health Care Providers.
- Pray for Doug Klassen (MCCanada's Executive Minister) and for church leaders at all levels of our conference.
- Pray for Rick Neufeld and Peter Rempel who are adding the duties of MCManitoba's Executive Minister to their other roles. Michael Pahl will be assuming that position in January 2021.