

## **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

- Pray for Harv Heinrichs as he is receiving Palliative Care at home! Pray for family, especially for Kathy. Visitors may come for a short time.
- We pray for our pulpit supply minister Harold Peters Fransen, and for Erika Enns Rodine, our future pastor.
- We pray for the seniors in our congregation: Ken & Marianne Braun who are at Eastview; Jean Tarnick who is in her suite at Gardens on Tenth Manor, Sarah Sawatzky at Golden West.
- We pray for those who are grieving.
- We pray for those whose mental health and physical health make employment and daily life a struggle.
- We pray for the family care-givers.
- Prayers for Vic Penner as he returned to palliative care.
- We pray for Anna Penner as she begins her treatment for cancer.

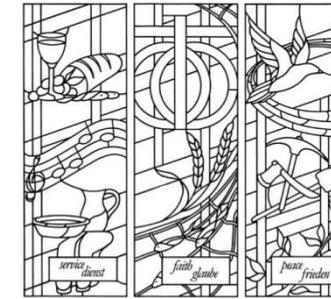
## **Prayer for Our Community**

- Pray for all the Health Care Providers.
- Pray for Doug Klassen (MCCanada's Executive Minister) and for church leaders at all levels of our conference.
- Pray for Michael Pahl, our MCManitoba's Executive Minister.

## **Prayers for the World**

- Peace agreement signed in Ethiopia - Meserete Kristos Church invites us to rejoice in the peace agreement signed this week in Ethiopia. President Desalegn asks for prayer that "the peace agreement be rooted deep to transform the broken relationships, that there will be a provision of resources to address the needy community in the nation due to the conflict and other causes and that God would use MKC as tool of sustainable peace and restoration of the True Kingdom Gospel to Ethiopia and beyond."
- Pray for Palestinian olive harvest - Pray for Palestinian brothers and sisters experiencing random and unprovoked attacks from extremist Israeli settlers during the current olive harvest. Pray also for international volunteers accompanying them for their safety. May the settlers see their neighbours as full human beings with the right to live, build and work on the land they have lived on for generations. (For more information on the Palestinian olive industry and fair-trade oil visit: <https://zatoun.com/>.)

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



# Altona Mennonite Church

Worship Service 11:00 am

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## **GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT**

Prelude

Call to Worship - Jeremiah 29:11-14.

**Leader: <sup>11</sup> For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD,**

People: plans for your welfare and not for harm,  
to give you a future with hope.

**Leader: Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me.**

People: I will hear you.

**Leader: When you search for me.**

People: You will find me;

**Leader: if you seek me with all your heart, <sup>14</sup> I will let you find me, says the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD,**

*ALL: and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.*

Prayer of Invocation

Welcoming All

Hymn VT#682 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

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*Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.*

### **Altona Mennonite Church**

#### **Vision**

*God calls us to be followers of Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit to grow as communities of grace, joy and peace so that God's healing and hope flow through us to the world.*

#### **Purpose**

*We seek to know God through Jesus, the center of our faith.*

*We seek to follow God in community, through worship, fellowship, and interpreting the Scripture from a Christ-centered point of view, in the Anabaptist tradition.*

*We seek to obey God by working toward peace and reconciliation, in the spirit of Jesus, reconciling all people to God, to each other, and to the world around them.*

## RECEIVING THE WORD

Reader's Theatre: *Based on Ps. 102, Jeremiah 29.*

Hymn VT#680 Calm Me, Lord

Scripture: Galatians 5: 19-21b; 22-25

Message Freedom in Captivity Marlene Wiebe

read by Marilyn Houser Hamm

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Hymn VT#377 New Earth, Heavens New

Prayers of the People

Hymn VT#705 For the Healing of the Nations

## SENDING

Benediction & Blessing

Postlude

Worship Leader: Marilyn Houser Hamm

Reader's Theatre: Kevin & Nancy Neufeld; Albert Bergen

Musicians: Loren Braul, Sylvia Klassen

Sound: Dale Klassen

## WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS AT AMC

November 20 11:00 am Worship Service

*Speaker:* Harold Peters Fransen; *Theme:* Christ the King /

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*Musicians:* Marilyn Houser Hamm *Technician:* Kevin Neufeld

November 21 7 pm Advent decorating

November 27 9:30 am AMC Kids

11:00 am Worship Service – 1<sup>st</sup> Advent,

speaker – Jeff Friesen, MCMAN Co-Director of Leadership

Ministries, Communion service is planned

November 30 7:15 pm Worship Committee meeting

December 4 11:00 am Worship service – 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent

speaker – Harold Peters Fransen

December 6 7:00 pm Leadership Council meeting

December 11 11:00 am Worship Service – 3<sup>rd</sup> Advent

**Birthdays:** November 15 – Dale Klassen; November 16 – Loren Braul

## AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We welcome Harry and Susan Klassen to town! They have moved to Golden West, new address is 302-125 Center Ave. E. Mailing address is **Box 1345**, Altona, R0G 0B0, and phone number is 204-304-9004. (Please note correction on Box #)

- **From the treasurer:** We're happy to report that we're finally out of our line of credit. Without major, unforeseen expenses, we will now be able to begin saving toward the future, even while we pay a very part time "pastor" for the next few months. We look forward to being able to support a pastor again in the new year. Thank you for your continued giving during this time of transition.

- You may contribute online if you bank at Access Credit Union (using your 7-digit phone number as your account number), make an e-transfer to [amchurchdonations@gmail.com](mailto:amchurchdonations@gmail.com), or send a cheque to AMC (Box 1237, Altona, MB, R0G 0B0).

## WIDER COMMUNITY & MISC. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Altona MCC is looking for a Shop Manager. Contact Corny Fehr at 324 8323 or 324 3862.

- **Craft & Bake sale Nov 19 at The Gardens on Tenth**, 9 am to 3 pm. Everyone is invited to attend, and if anyone wishes to set up a table, have them give us a call at 204-324-8945

- **November 20 – Southern Manitoba Choral Society concert** at 2:30 pm, Altona Bergthaler Church. See poster on the bulletin board.

- **Mon. Nov. 21, 7:00 pm - MCI's Annual General Meeting** will be held in the school's chapel. In light of critical realities facing MCI, the board is issuing an urgent call to attend this year's AGM. Receive updates on the school's current realities. Assist in discerning the future for our / your school.

- **A celebration of 50 years.** Join us on **November 22** at 7 pm to celebrate 50 years of MCC Thrift! This special virtual event will celebrate the history, creativity and generosity of the MCC Thrift network and our many dedicated volunteers. Register to attend at [thrift.mcc.org/celebrate50](http://thrift.mcc.org/celebrate50).

- **Cottonwood Community Drama** presents Beverly Hillbillies this year on November 24-26 at 7:30 pm. Tickets available on the MCI website, or by calling the school.

- **Find the perfect locally made gift at Piece it Together's [Christmas Craft Sale!](#)** Shop and support MCC's humanitarian relief efforts. Running Saturday, November 26, 9am – 4pm at Bethel Mennonite Church, 465 Stafford St, Winnipeg.

- **Christmas with CMU** is taking place on Saturday, **November 26 at 7:00 PM** (CST) at Bethel Mennonite Church (465 Stafford St., Winnipeg). This year's Christmas program will be in-person and livestreamed featuring Christmas favourites performed by a variety of CMU's music ensembles. Space is limited; free tickets are required (available November 1) by visiting [cmu.ca/christmas](http://cmu.ca/christmas).

- **[Feeding the world?](#)** As inflation and a rising cost of living takes hold around the world, we are told again of a "perfect storm" for those dependent on a globalized food system. What does the emerging global food price crisis mean for ordinary life and efforts to feed one's family? Join Germinating Conversations on November 29, 7 pm, at Canadian Mennonite University (Great Hall, North Campus) for a roundtable dialogue with growers, harvesters and eaters

- **CMU Festival Chorus** – J.S. Bach's magnificent Christmas Oratorio, Weihnachtsoratorium BWV 248, is an awe-inspiring masterpiece for choir, soloists, and orchestra. Enjoy the choir's stunning musical rendering of the nativity story in all its rejoicing, gladness, and celebration on December 9, 2022 (in Winnipeg, MB) and **December 10, 2022 (in Gretna, MB)**. Details and tickets available at [cmu.ca/festivalchorus](http://cmu.ca/festivalchorus).

- **O Come, Emmanuel. A Christmas Carol Sing with the Faith and Life Choirs. December 18, 2022. 3:30pm.** Bethel Mennonite Church, Winnipeg. A freewill offering will be taken for this Mennonite Church Manitoba ministry.

- This Christmas season, choose gifts of comfort and joy! Your gift of school supplies, an eco-stove, chickens or fruit trees will change lives. **Browse MCC's Christmas Giving Guide** at [mccmb.ca/Christmas](http://mccmb.ca/Christmas).