

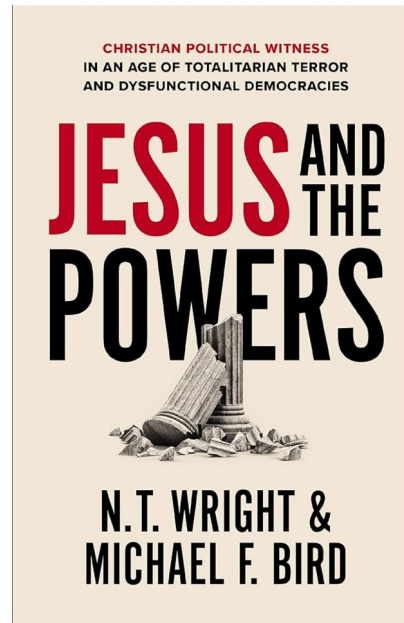
PRAYER AND PRAISE

- We pray for the students and teachers during this year of learning.
- We pray for the seniors in our congregation: Jean Tarnick and Hilda Elias who are in the Gardens Manor; Marianne Braun who is at Eastview; Bill Loewen at The Gardens, Elizabeth Falk at the Gardens; Harry & Susan Klassen at Golden West, and others who are not named.
- We pray for all who are living with ongoing health concerns: Bev Barton at home, those awaiting surgery and others not named.
- 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.
- We pray for those in transition/who have moved to a new home.

Prayers for Our Community and the World

- **PIN recommends James Graff Lecture** -“One Year Later” - Mennonite Church Canada Palestine Israel Network highly recommends the James Graff Memorial Lecture 2024 on Monday, November 4, 7 p.m. EST, organized by the Canadian Friends of Sabeel. Event is in-person (Toronto) or online. Pre-registration is required: <https://www.friendsofsabeel.ca/updates/james-graff-memorial-lecture-2024>
- **Peace Hub opens November 16** - Celebrate with PeaceBuilders Community (PBCI), Witness workers, and the Indigenous communities surrounding the Malipayon Peace Hub. Pray for the official opening of the peace and reconciliation training and coffee processing centre on November 16th. Leamington United Mennonite Church and MC Canada Witness are sending representatives, Matt Tiessen and Norm Dyck, to join the celebration. Watch for photos and videos on Facebook and Instagram! Thank you to all the generous donors in MC Canada for making this happen!

New and Notable in the AMC Library

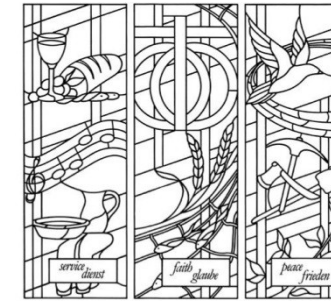


An urgent call for Christians everywhere to explore the nature of the kingdom amid the political upheaval of our day.

Should Christians be politically withdrawn, avoiding participation in politics to maintain their prophetic voice and to keep from being used as political pawns? Or should Christians be actively involved, seeking to utilize political systems to control the levers of power?

In *Jesus and the Powers*, N. T. Wright and Michael F. Bird call Christians everywhere to discern the nature of Christian witness in fractured political environments. In an age of ascending autocracies, in a time of fear and fragmentation, amid carnage and crises, Jesus is king, and Jesus's kingdom remains the object of the church's witness and work.

Part political theology, part biblical overview, and part church history, this book argues that building for Jesus's kingdom requires confronting empire in all its forms. This approach should orient Christians toward a form of political engagement that contributes to free democratic societies and vigorously opposes political schemes based on autocracy and nationalism. Throughout, Wright and Bird reflect on the relevance of this kingdom-oriented approach to current events, including the Russian-Ukraine conflict, the China-Taiwan tension, political turmoil in the USA, UK, and Australia, and the problem of Christian nationalism.



Altona Mennonite Church

Worship Service 11:00 am

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Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn VT 496 I Owe the Lord a Morning Song, st.1-3

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 126)

All: Let us begin this day by rejoicing!

The Lord has done such wonderful things for us.

Let us be glad!

One: The day before us is uncertain.

We know not what we will encounter on our way.

Wherever we go, we go forth as people of the living God,

And we go forth to touch the lives of all with his healing touch.

All: Let us begin this day with rejoicing!

And return to our homes with gladness!

Opening Prayer

Hymn VT 61 You Are Holy, You Are Whole

Time for the Young and the Young at Heart

Offering Prayer / Time of Reflection

Love God, Love Each Other – insert

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Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.

Scripture: Psalm 143:8-12, John 15:1-15
Hymn VT #43 God, Be the Love
Reflection: The Business of Belonging Will Braun
Hymn VT 813 Heart with Loving Heart United
Sharing / Prayer
Hymn VT 828 There's a Wild Hope In the Wind
Benediction / Grace

Worship Leader: Andrea Hildebrand
Musician(s): Marilyn Houser Hamm, Sylvia Klassen
Technician: Dale Klassen

We welcome Will Braun to our service this morning. Will is the editor of the Canadian Mennonite publication.

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS AT AMC

October 29 6:30pm Leadership Council
November 3 9:30am AMC Book Study Group, AMC Kids
11:00 am Worship Service – Erika Enns Rodine *Worship Leader: Lori Hiebert Musician(s): Lori Hiebert, Loren Hiebert*
Scriptures: Mark 12:28-34 Technician: Nathan Loewen
November 6 7:00 pm - AMC Ladies evening
November 10 9:30am AMC Book Study Group
11:00am Worship Service, guest Marta Bunnett Wiebe from MCC
November 17 9:30am AMC Book Study Group, AMC Kids
11:00am Worship Service – Erika Enns Rodine

AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A reminder that the **10:30 am AMC Coffee sign up sheet** is on the wall near the office door. Feel free to volunteer!

- **Canadian Mennonite** is an Anabaptist publication and media presence with news and viewpoints of the people and churches of Mennonite Church Canada. It is published monthly. Many of you receive the magazine in print and / or digitally. Subscriptions are paid for collectively through Mennonite Church and our congregation.

If you haven't yet subscribed and are interested, or want to change your subscription in any way, please notify Lori Hiebert asap.

- MINGLE, MUNCH and MEMORIES – November 6, 7 pm

AMC ladies (and any ladies they'd like to bring) are invited to an informal gathering in the AMC basement, featuring great snacks, special music and food for thought by Mary Costen, along with a few surprises. Come prepared to learn five things about Pastor Erika you had no idea about. Oh yes and bring your relaxation vibration. Feel free to linger afterwards. If you need a ride, contact Mary Costen at 431 733 4122.

WIDER COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **October 29th (5pm-8pm) YFC Altona Taco Night Fundraiser.** Entry is by donation. The entire meal is gluten free and includes: beef tacos, taco salad/nachos, beverages, and ice cream for dessert. All donations support YFC programs, and support the youth of our community. Bring your family and friends! visit www.yfcaltona.com for more info.

- BLUE SKY OPPORTUNITIES INC. ANNUAL FALL FUNDRAISER

This will be a catered event with entertainment by comedian Big Daddy Tazz (Family Friendly) and raffle ticket prizes Thursday, November 7th @ 6:00 pm at Rhineland Pioneer Centre, 227-10th Ave NW Ticket Information: Tickets are \$40 per person available in person at Blue Sky Opportunities or call/email 204.324.5401 or admin@blueskyopp.com

- November 8th - MCI's Soup & Pie and Fall Concert!

Come for soup, buns and pie from 5:30-7:00 in the gymnasium, and stay for our fall concert at 7:30 in Buhler Hall with performances by MCI's ensembles and choirs. Meal is by donation. We look forward to seeing you there!

CONFERENCE or MCC RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Sign up for a MCM Visioning Focus Group. Join other MCM'ers in sharing in this important reflective work we're calling Hope and Courage. More info and sign-up form at www.mennochurch.mb.ca/hopeandcourage.

- Only 1 week until 75 Years of Song: Camps with Meaning Celebration Banquets.

Join Paul Dueck and other camp staff in singing the songs of 1949 - 2024, enjoying a delicious supper, celebrating summer 2024, and supporting kids in going to camp. Contact the camp office, or go online to register your free seats. Nov 2 - Winkler; Nov 3 - Winnipeg. www.campswithmeaning.org/events

- **With the escalating violence in Lebanon, people's lives are in danger and the need for basic necessities is great.** MCC partners in central Lebanon and Beirut are providing food, water, shelter, hygiene items, medicine and psychosocial support for children. Every donation made is matched by the Canadian government until Nov. 3. Donate today to double your impact at mcc.org/LebanonEmergency

- This November, MCC invites you to wear the Peace Button

to remember all people who are affected by the atrocities of war. Bearing the simple message "to remember is to work for peace", MCC's peace button can be worn in addition to a poppy pin. Pick up your free Peace Button at MCC Manitoba, 100-140 Bannatyne Ave., Winnipeg. To order a larger quantity for your church, please contact church@mccmb.ca.

- CommonWord Book Launch: The Secret Treaty: A Lost Story of Ojibwe and Mennonite Neighbours

– On November 7 at 7:00 PM, Jonathan Dyck and Elder Dave Scott discuss how we can forge a different way of sharing the land. The authors share stories of the West Reserve before Mennonite settlement and first encounters between Ojibwe and latecomers. Join in person at Marpeck Commons or watch the livestream at commonword.ca/go/3972.