

PRAYER, PRAISE, BLESSINGS & REFLECTION

WMC FAMILY: *... Walter and Betty Albrecht

Health, healing, comfort:

...Don and Chris Neufeld and family, Jake and Anne Neufeld,
Trish Wiens (Heather H's friend), Randy Sawatzky
...Praise: arrival of baby Morris Darko (Dave & Edith's grandson)

World...

...Thailand church leaders meet in person. Praise God for the early November gathering of more than 30 church leaders in northeastern Thailand for a retreat and training organized by Friends of Grace Church Association, including Witness workers Tom and Christine Poovong. This was the first in-person gathering since the beginning of COVID-19. It was an important time of sharing and providing resources for these leaders, most of whom are lay leaders with limited biblical and theological training.

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Thank you for your gifts!

WMC's Identity Statement:

'With our feet firmly planted in our Anabaptist and Mennonite beginning, we work to reach out with our hands to welcome and lift up all who come here. We encourage one another with the heart of Christ to learn and to grow in spiritual maturity and to take amazing risks for God.'

We acknowledge our presence on the lands of the Cree, Ojibway, Dakota and Metis nations. We recognize that we are guests on this land and will be mindful of our impact as we critically look at colonial histories and present-day implications. We acknowledge this as a first step in fulfilling our responsibility and commitment to truth and reconciliation.

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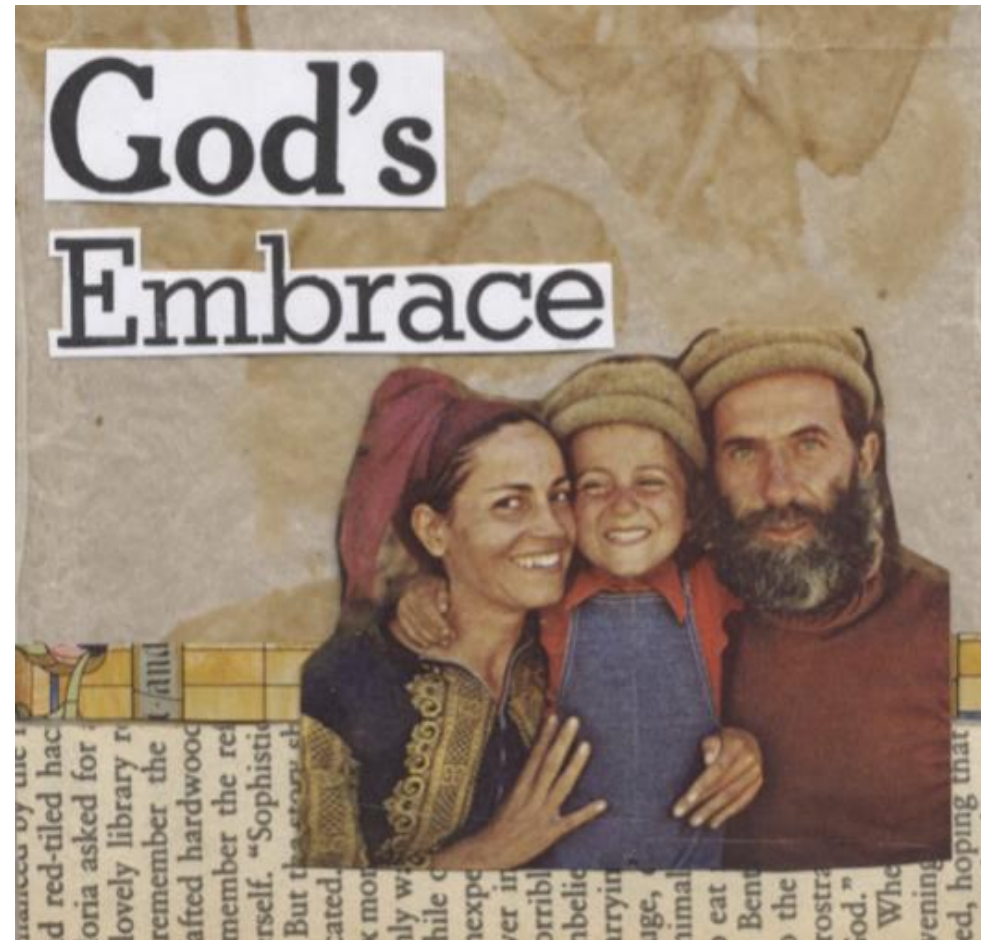
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Whitewater Mennonite Church



December 5th, 2021

Communion Service

Worship Leader: Andy Neufeld

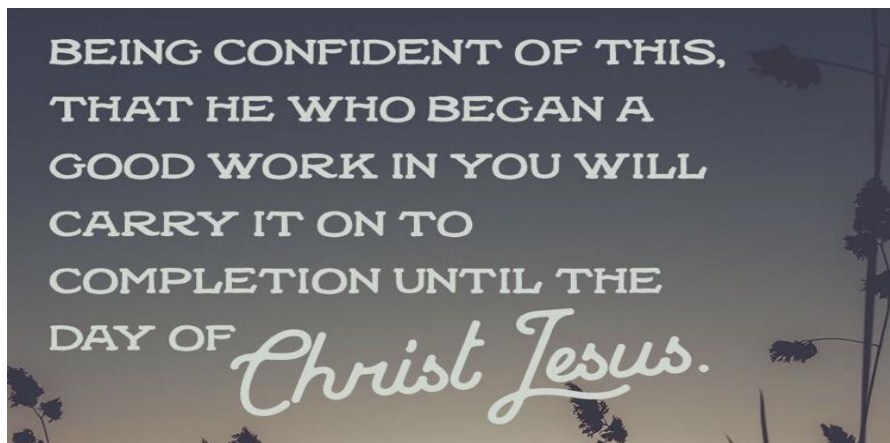
Music: Sheldon Dyck

Sermon: Pastor Wes Goertzen

Luke 1: 67-79 NRSV (Zechariah's Song)

68 "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed
Them.
69 He has raised up a mighty savior for us
in the house of his servant David,
70 as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,
71 that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of
all who hate us.
72 Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors,
and has remembered his holy covenant,
73 the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,
to grant us
74 that we, being rescued from the hands of our
enemies, might serve him without fear,
75 in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.
76 And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
77 to give knowledge of salvation to his people
by the forgiveness of their sins.
78 By the tender mercy of our God,
the dawn from on high will break upon[b] us,
79 to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of
death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace."

Supporting Texts: Luke 3:1-6, Philippians 1:3-11



"If, as I suppose, God is drawn to Moses because of his capacity to be derailed for the sake of the things of God, then this also reveals something to us about God. . . At Sinai, God is revealed as a deity who jumps the track, a God who gets derailed for the sake of the things of humanity, for the sake of the people of Israel. 'I have seen, I have heard, and I have come down to deliver' (Ex 3:7-8)." (Ellen Davis, *GIWG*, 48)

Announcements and Upcoming Events

December 7 - WMC leading devotions at Westview and Evergreen

Volunteers needed! Please contact Pastor Wes if you're able to help serve

December 15 - *Handel's Messiah* in Winnipeg

January 18 - WMC leading devotions at Westview and Evergreen

January 27 - Congregation Annual Meeting

Our Daily Bread Dec/Jan/Feb are available in the admin office



Volunteers are needed for planning and organizing the **Christmas Eve service**. If you are able to help with this, please contact Lorraine Reimer.

"May our hearts reflect the hope and generosity of the shepherds, the magi, and most of all our God, who came to us this season in Jesus Christ"
Advent greetings from Mennonite Church Canada.

Watch the video: <https://youtu.be/OsEvxNOWwrQ>

There are 7 copies of the red 'History of Whitewater Mennonite Church 1927-1987' available.

For tickets to *Handel's Messiah* in Winnipeg, performed by the WSO and the CMU festival chorus, follow this link:

<https://wso.ca/blog/concerts/handels-messiah-2/> Discount code is: HANDEL.

Wet-suwet-ten Solidarity webinar – Learning and supporting together – Monday, Dec. 13, 2021 – 7 p.m. CST Register: [here](https://www.wso.ca/blog/concerts/handels-messiah-2/). Join Esther Kern and David Janzen (Valleyview Mennonite Church, London, Ontario), and Allegra Friesen Epp (Home Street Mennonite Church, Winnipeg), who recently spent time in Wet'suwet'en territory in northwestern B.C.

MDS Canada calling for volunteers to help with B.C. flood clean-up Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) Canada is calling for volunteers to help with cleaning out homes in Princeton, B.C. following the catastrophic flood that hit that town in mid-November. [Read the full MDS News Release on the MCBC site.](https://www.wso.ca/blog/concerts/handels-messiah-2/)