

PRAYER, PRAISE, BLESSINGS & REFLECTION

WMC FAMILY: *... Cody, Vivian and Reid Burnett

Health, healing, comfort:

...Don and Chris Neufeld and family, Jake and Anne Neufeld,
Trish Wiens (Heather H's friend), Randy Sawatzky, Ron Goertzen
...Health care workers and all those affected by the recent rise in
Covid-19 cases across the province.

Wider Church...Peace in Ethiopia – This week Mennonites in North America sent a letter of solidarity to our family in faith in Ethiopia, Meserete Kristos Church. You can hear the letter read at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tihhlGaOtjg>. Join with us to pray for peace in Ethiopia.

World...Remember Bethlehem – As you celebrate Christmas, pray for peace on Earth in Bethlehem. Visit <https://bethbc.edu/10549-2/> for Christmas messages from faculty and staff of the Bethlehem Bible College. Use these Bible Live videos to follow the magi, the shepherds and the Holy Family (<https://bethbc.edu/bible-live-videos/>).

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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Whitewater Mennonite Church



December 26th, 2021

Music: George and Catherine Heide

Sermon: Pastor Wes Goertzen

Psalms 97:1

The LORD is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!

2 Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

3 Fire goes before him, and consumes his adversaries on every side.

4 His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.

5 The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the Lord of all the earth.

6 The heavens proclaim his righteousness; and all the peoples behold his glory.

7 All worshipers of images are put to shame,
those who make their boast in worthless idols; all gods
bow down before him.

8 Zion hears and is glad, and the towns of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O God.

9 For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

10 The LORD loves those who hate evil; he guards the lives of his faithful; he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.

11 Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart. 12 Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

Supporting Texts: Isaiah 62:6-12, Luke 2:1-20, Titus 3:4-7

To see the latest public health orders for churches (as of Dec.21/21) follow [this link:](https://mennochurch.mb.ca/res/pub/Manitoba/News/2021-News/2021-12-21-PHOs-and-churches.pdf)

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

December 27 – January 8 – Pastor Wes is on holidays

January 18 – WMC leading devotions at Westview and Evergreen (*Please talk to P Wes if you are able to help serve*)

January 27 – Congregation Annual Meeting

March 4 & 5 – MCM Gathering

All committee members: please let the treasurer know your budget requirements for 2022 *before the end of December*.

Watch MCI's addition of the 'Hallelujah Chorus' for the Messiah Project here:

<https://youtu.be/Fouv1lAZ8cl> (*Andrew Heide and Micah Loewen both sing in it!*)

Save the dates for the MCM Gathering 2022– March 4 & 5, 2022

Details are still being ironed out, but we are hoping for an in-person Leadership event and our delegate gathering to take place at Douglas Mennonite Church, Winnipeg. More details will be available shortly.

Raffle tickets are available for Prairie Partners Fundraiser – prize is a Westjet Voucher of \$600! Stop by the sawmill or email ceo@prairiepartners.ca for tickets. 1 for \$10 or 3 for \$25.

Registration for MWC Assembly opens for online participation. Starting December 24th, 2021, Mennonite World Conference (MWC) is accepting registration for online participants for Indonesia 2022 through its registration site: www.indonesia2022.mwc-cmm.org

I am a Mennonite film available now Paul Plett is a filmmaker from Home Street Mennonite Church. Join him on his journey (yes, this includes traveling to the Ukraine) making sense of his Mennonite identity. Visit his website for more information: <https://odeprod.com/i-am-a-mennonite>

Faith and Life Choirs Christmas 2021 – Video Watch the 20 minute concert by the Faith and Life Choirs and MCM Staff. www.mennochurch.mb.ca/flchoirs

Woven Knowing Circle – Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2021, 8:00 PM – 8:45 PM. Invite a friend, wrap your hands around a cup of something warm, have your journal ready...take some space to pause and reflect on the beginnings and endings of 2021, on where you are at this moment, and dream about what you want to be intentional about in the year ahead. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2048961616>