

Fort Garry Evangelical
Mennonite Church
Sunday Jan 5, 2020



WORSHIP SERVICE

Worship Leader: Justin Cheng
Song Leader: Klassen PG
Soundperson: Dreydon Reimer
Powerpoint: Ethan Reimer

Prelude

Congregational Singing

- Open the eyes of My Heart
- What a Beautiful Name

Call to Worship:

Leader: Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

People: For he strengthens the bars of your gates. He blesses your children within you.

Leader: He grants peace within your borders, he fills you with the finest of wheat.

People: He sends out his command to the earth, his word runs

swiftly. He gives snow like wool, he scatters frost like ashes

Leader: He hurls down hail like crumbs. He sends out his word and melts them.

People: He makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.

Leader: He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and ordinances to Israel.

All: Praise the Lord!

Announcements

Congregational Singing

- O Come to the Altar

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

Faith Story

Layton Friesen

Scripture Reading

Marlee Enns

Matthew 2:1-12

1 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, **2** asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." **3** When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; **4** and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. **5** They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: **6** "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." **7** Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. **8** Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." **9** When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. **10** When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. **11** On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. **12** And having been warned

in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Sermon

Len Harms

Congregational Singing

- Be Thou My Vision

Prayers of the People

Offering & Offertory

Todd Friesen

Doxology

Congregational Singing

- God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

Benediction

Postlude

There is no Sunday School over the holidays, it will resume next Sunday, January 12, 2020. Enjoy visiting with each other after the worship service.

Remembering One Another

• Last Sunday we said good-bye to our pastor, Karen Schellenberg and we have yet to confirm a pastoral model; but there are good plans in place for addressing this gap. Pastor Len Harms will be coordinating worship and immediate pastoral concerns. He will be supported by the rest of the ministerial and staff and by many of us in the congregation. Before the end of the year the ministerial and interns spent time developing broad-stroke plans for worship themes for the next six months and detailed schedules are in place for the shorter term. Please continue to pray that we will be sensitive to God's voice regarding our pastoral leadership.

• Pray for all those transitioning back into work and school after the break. May they feel refreshed and ready for the new year ahead.

• Thanks to Elaine Mao, our custodian, who works hard each week to provide a clean building to worship in and work in. Pray that she may have joy in her work as she serves.

Fort Garry News

• 2019 Donation Summary

Jan. 1 - Nov. 30 donations	\$289,405
December donations	<u>66,278</u>
Total 2019 Donations	\$355,683
Budget for 2019 Donations	<u>\$334,320</u>
2019 Surplus	<u>\$ 21,363</u>

• A Note of Thankfulness:

It's hard to put into words what the past 18 months have meant to me/us. Our time with you was an absolute gift which we will treasure always. You are a good congregation. Thank you especially for the lovely send off last Sunday. Thank you for all the cards, gifts, snacks and words of blessing. We are enjoying 2 weeks of rest and begin at Charleswood Mennonite on Jan 12. Until we meet again --- thank you for all of it!! with love - Tony and Karen Schellenberg

• Four of our deacons will be completing terms of service - Yi Zhang & Jen Zhou, Melissa Martens and Michelle McGibbon. We are thankful for the dedication and care these have brought to this life-giving, but often behind-the-scenes, work. Because of these up-coming vacancies, Council is requesting nominations for deacons. A nomination may be for a couple or an individual who is a member of FG EMC. Please submit your nominations to any member of Council by January 12, 2020.

• Committee Chairpersons and Department Heads, If you have not submitted your reports to Derek Klassen, derekklassen@gmail.com yet please do so immediately.

• If your family took some photos during the holidays, please email one to the office to put in the 2020 pictorial and address directory in the new year. Next Sunday the new address directory will be in the foyer for you to check over.

• Are you interested in being baptized or transferring your membership to Fort Garry EMC this spring? If so, please let Pastor Len Harms or Donita Reimer in the office know of your interest. Plans are in the works for classes for both of these significant milestones.

This Week

Monday, 7pm-9pm

English classes start again for the new year!

Tuesday, 6:45pm-8:15pm

Clubs - Lesson #4

Wednesday, 7:30pm

College and Career - Winter activities at St. Vital Park. Rides available from the church at 7:00 pm.

Thursday, 7:00am

Conquer Series week #1 morning session with Pastor Len. (see info below)

Thursday, 7:30pm

Youth - Action Night - Super Traders

Friday, 9-10am

Hour of Prayer in the Boardroom - everyone is welcome!

Coming Events

Thursday, Jan 9 -Thursday April 2

Conquer Series is a 12 week program for men, which addresses issues of male sexuality and pornography. It has a video/discussion format and provides valuable information and insight. The first session will be this Thursday, January 9th at 7:00 am. That's right - early morning. For more information or to register, please contact Pastor Len (cell- 204-794-7426)

Tuesday, Jan. 14 7:30pm

Trustee Meeting in the Boardroom

Tuesday, Jan. 21 7:30pm

Council Meeting in the Boardroom

Saturday, Jan. 25, 9:00am

Fort Garry EMC's Annual Meeting

Friday, Feb. 7 - Sunday, Feb. 9

Missionfest Manitoba at Church of the Rock

Mennonite Central Committee Announcements:

Get involved! Come tie comforters with MCC

In celebration of MCC's 100th anniversary, we're attempting to collect 6,500 comforters from across Canada and the U.S. You can help!

Volunteer: Join us as a volunteer for a day of service and teaching others about comforter-tying. We have a variety of volunteer shifts available. Invite your youth group, bible study or coffee friends and sign up together! Connect with Jessica Williams at [204-261-6381](tel:204-261-6381) or JessicaWilliams@mccmb.ca to find out more.

Attend: Come to the Great Winter Warm-up comforter-tying event on January 18th at North Kildonan MB Church. Don't know how to sew or tie? No problem! All level of skills are welcome. Stay for food, kid's activities and a photobooth. Find out more at mccmb.ca/GreatWinterWarmup

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