

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE - First Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Invitation to worship

L: Now is the time of waiting and watching. We wait expectantly for the Messiah, for God's promises to be fulfilled.

People: We turn to you, O God, in the midst of this chaotic world, longing for that day of salvation to arrive. How long must we wait?

L: Pay attention, be still and know that God is with us. The signs are all around us.

People: Fill us with the faith and the hope of what is to be, as we come before you with open hearts.

All: **Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

Lighting of First Advent Candle

Congregational Singing

"O Come, O Come, Immanuel"

HWB#172

"Longing for light"

STJ#54

Children's Time

Dismissal for Junior Church

Offering

Congregational Singing

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

on screen

Scripture Reading: Luke 21:25-36

Sermon: "Chain of hope"

Hymn of Response

"Through it All"

on screen

Time of Sharing, Testimony and Silence

Pastoral Prayer

Sending Song

"Everlasting God"

on screen

Farewell blessing

Postlude

Preacher: Jim Loepp Thiessen**Worship Leader:** Nichelle Bauman**Musicians:** Nichelle Bauman, Richard Bauman, Johnny Friesen, Alina Kehl, Brad Shoemaker, Jeanette Towns,**Church Greeters Today:** Ron & Merri-Lee Metzger**Church Greeters Next Week:** Ozzie & Marilyn Martin**Coffee Hosts:** Ozzie & Marilyn Martin

Children of all ages are invited to Jr. Church. We ask that parents/guardians accompany very young children as needed.

An unstaffed nursery is available during the worship service.

Our morning worship services are being videotaped and put on our website. If for any reason you would not like a portion of the service to be included, please contact the AV person.

A warm welcome to our visitors this morning.

We hope our time of worship together has been an encouragement to you.

You are invited to drop by our Welcome Table and learn more about our church and our ministries. God bless you and we hope to see you again!

Congregational Prayer List

This month we will pray for **Elmira Mennonite Church** as part of our commitment to living in an ecumenical community.

Adult Christian Education options

this morning from 11:15-12:00

- **Sermon discussion Rm 9**
- **Uniform Series Rm 11**
- **Seniors Uniform Series Brd Rm**
- **Drawing Class Rm 12**

THIS WEEK AT FMC

Today - Due date for Focus articles. Theme: Adapting Christmas traditions. Reports, recipes, photos welcome. Use the Focus mailbox or email to rbdrapeer@golden.net.

Tuesday – 7:00 – Choir practice

Wednesday – 6:00 - Women's Fellowship Christmas Banquet at Bonnie Lou's Café.

YAF CIRCLE

Saturday, January 12th, 2018 – 6:00 - Young Adults Christmas/New Year's Banquet Semi-formal if you want to dress up or if not, that's okay too!! The catering committee will cater the meal at the church. There will be no charge for the evening. Feel free to invite others to join us. If you (and any guests) plan on attending, please let Ashley Albrecht know by **Friday, January 4th** via email ashleyalbrecht@outlook.com or text/call 519-568-1282.

LOOKING AHEAD AT FMC

Dec. 11 – 8:30 – Ladies breakfast at Bonnie Lou's
April 13, 2019 is the next WMCEC Spring Enrichment Day at Floradale Mennonite Church. The theme, *Travelling Companions: We don't know where we are going, but we know how to get there!*, will touch on our lives in general, and the future of WMCEC. Our resource person for the day is **Marilyn Rudy-Froese**, MCEC Church Leadership Minister. We will share how we remain centred and attuned to God's voice in an unpredictable life. More information and registration will come soon!

ADDITIONAL FMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Council is recommending Kim Rempel for the Associate Pastor position. She will be speaking on Jan. 13th. The congregation will then be given time to respond.

The Worship Service will continue to start at 10:00 a.m. We will discuss any changes at the annual meeting.

MCC Relief Kits - Supplies for relief kits to be collected until Jan. 6. Please place items under the tree in the foyer. For items needed, refer to Nov. 25th bulletin insert or see <https://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/kits/relief>

This Christmas, choose gifts that change lives through MCC's Christmas Giving catalogue. There are some catalogues on the table in the foyer and you can check it out on line at mcccanada.ca/christmas.

Notes of Thanks – Check the sanctuary bulletin board for thank you notes received for gifts sent to various organizations.

Has your address, phone number or email address changed? Or are you not in the directory and you would like to be added? It is time to update the telephone directory. Please look over your entry in the directory and email any changes to office@floramc.org or call the church office. Also, if you have a young adult in your family who no longer wishes to be included in the directory, please let us know.

Do you have a young adult in your family who has a church mailbox, but no longer attends here? Please check with your family members and let the church office know of any unneeded mailboxes.

Are you missing the weekly Worship Service Information email? It is now being sent out via the Floradalian mailing list. If you wish to be added to this list, send your request to office@floramc.org.

Please note change of email address for Clare Brubacher to clarebru55@gmail.com.

Financial Report

Total received as of November 25th is \$295,182.15.
Offerings required to meet budget is \$65,157.85.
Five offerings left in 2018.

Generosity Fund requests and Budget requests for 2019 should be forwarded to Finance (Willis Freeman) by mid December.



Advent and Christmas Services at Floradale

Tonight at 7:00 p.m.

Community Memorial Service at Trinity United Church, 21 Arthur St. N., Elmira. For many people this is a difficult time of year because of a loss – the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, the loss of health, an unhealed relationship, or past or present hurts. This is a special invitation to you to attend a quiet, reflective service which offers comfort and hope.

Sunday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m.

Community Christmas Choral Celebration at Floradale. Elmira and District Church choirs join together and share a joyful evening of anthems and carolling. Bring your voices and join in this festive holiday tradition.

Sunday, December 23 at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship at Floradale will be special Christmas worship, including our Floradale Christmas Choir.

Christmas Eve at 7:00 p.m. – Join us for Christmas Eve Service.

See announcement sheet for other announcements.



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