

POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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Epiphany

Worship Leader: Andre Pekovich
Accompanist: Ruth Enns

Music Worship: J. Evan Kreider
Usher: Edward Epp

Last Sunday **No service was held at PGIMF**

Two Sundays ago A service of Lessons and Carols written by Rosie Perera and Curtis Funk was performed after our potluck breakfast. You can hear the entire service with accompanying Powerpoint slides in the Members-only section of the PGIMF website at (*link available on request from Webmaster*) or listen to the audio of the service only at [2019-12-22-fourth-advent.mp3](https://www.pgimf.org/2019-12-22-fourth-advent.mp3). Many thanks to Kevin, Rosie and the tech team for putting this all together so thoroughly.

Three Sundays ago Laura Eriksson gave us, as her “offering”, thoughts about surprises. Surprises can make us laugh, weep, mourn, be overjoyed or worried. Our Advent and Christmas stories about Elizabeth, Zacharias, Mary, the shepherds, and Herod are filled with surprises. Laura addressed three questions: (1) What might surprises look like? (2) How did some of the Christmas characters respond to surprise? (3) What do we do with our surprises and how does faith in our God shape our responses to surprise? For the past decade, Laura has been paying attention to the surprises in her life, large and small, writing about them in her daily journal. [JEK]

The message can be heard in your favourite browser at <https://pgimf.org/service/what-do-we-do-with-surprise/>

PGIMF News - Upcoming Services

January 12	J. Evan Kreider	The Baptism of Jesus
January 19	Loren Balisky	Meaning and Purpose
January 26	Annika Krause	TBA
February 2	Frances Kitson	TBA

Wider Church News

MCC Since 1920, MCC has worked with the church, partner organizations and supporters to share God’s love and compassion by responding to basic human needs and working for peace and justice. Starting by helping families affected by war and famine in southern Russia (present-day Ukraine), MCC now works in more than 50 countries and here at home. Read more at <https://mcc.org/centennial>

Voices Together The new hymnal Voices Together will be available in the fall 2020 for release. Pricing for individual hymnals is listed as \$32.99 CAD but a discount of up to 10% will be available when ordered by May 1st in bulk. Please watch for the discussion about whether to purchase the new hymnals for the church - an opportunity will be given for you to add your order to the church’s order “at the Mennonite price”.

RECORDING THE SERVICE

Please note that we record the response time after the sermon. You are encouraged to share your thoughts as fully as you feel led with the proviso that no privacy can be guaranteed. The response time will not be posted to the website. You are encouraged to bring forth private issues during the time of sharing and prayer, which will not be recorded.

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Our PGIMF gratefully acknowledges that we meet on the unceded ancestral lands of the Musqueam, Tsleil-Waututh and Squamish peoples. As Jesus reconciled us to God, we are called and commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with each other

Candle Lighting + Liturgy Lighting the Candle of JESUS

For Epiphany

In the beginning was the WORD, and in the Word
lived MISSION, BAPTISM and MIRACLE. (*Light Candle*)

All: *Epiphany invites us to sing out joy and share the good news of the grace we know.*

The good news came early in the visitation of the Magi
The good news came again in the baptism of Jesus
The good news came once more in the miracle at Cana.

All: *The calling out of the Good News is the calling of the community, of all those who gather in the name of Immanuel, God with us, giver of Life everlasting*

We wait for the day when we sing in harmony
the words of Good News.
Good News to all nations and peoples,
Good News to God's creation.

In the beginning was the WORD

All: *In the Word lives MISSION and BAPTISM and MIRACLE. Word lives MISSION and BAPTISM and MIRACLE.*

Isaiah 60:1-6

¹Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

²For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.

³Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,

and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

⁵Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord. [NRSV]

Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14

¹ Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.
² May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice.
³ May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.
⁴ May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy,
and crush the oppressor.
⁵ May he live while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all
generations.
⁶ May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth.
⁷ In his days may righteousness flourish
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

[...]

¹⁰ May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles
render him tribute,
may the kings of Sheba and Seba
bring gifts.
¹¹ May all kings fall down before him,
all nations give him service.
¹² For he delivers the needy when they call,
the poor and those who have no helper.
¹³ He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy.
¹⁴ From oppression and violence he redeems their
life;
and precious is their blood in his sight. [NRSV]

John 1:(1-9), 10-18

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was
with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the
beginning with God. ³All things came into being
through him, and without him not one thing came into
being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and
the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in
the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was
John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so
that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was
not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The
true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming
into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being
through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He

came to what was his own, and his own people did
not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who
believed in his name, he gave power to become
children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of
the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us,
and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's
only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to
him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He
who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he
was before me." ') ¹⁶From his fullness we have all
received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was
given through Moses; grace and truth came through
Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God
the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who
has made him known. [NRSV]

Humour Corner

Rudolph the Half-wit Lawyer

Rudolph the half-wit lawyer,
Was a very loopy guy
And if you saw his client
You would understand just why.

All of the other lawyers,
Used to laugh and call him names.
Everyone knew poor Rudolph,
Was not blessed with legal brains.

Then one post-election eve,
Donald came to say,
"New York's ready to indict,
Rudy, you are not so bright."

"Truth isn't truth," said Rudy,
And they shouted out with glee,
"Rudy the half-wit lawyer,
You're the worst in history!"

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