

Mennonite Church Canada

NAIITS is an Indigenous Learning Community that hosts annual theological gatherings intended for young and older, pastors and activists. Mennonite Church Canada's Indigenous-Settler Relations would like to help sponsor a group of women and men from across our nationwide church to attend this year's symposium on "White Supremacy and Indigeneity," June 7-9, 2018 @ Acadia Divinity College (Nova Scotia). Sponsorships will help cover the cost of registration and food. If you are interested, please email Steve Heinrichs for details (sheinrichs@mennonitechurch.ca).

Mennonite Church Manitoba

Camps with Meaning Gift Certificates. A great way to encourage children (grandchildren?) to attend summer camp at Camps with Meaning! Please contact the camp office for more information. Call 204-895-2267, email camps@mennochurch.mb.ca

MCC News

SALT - If you're interested in a year long cross-cultural internship or work experience in a faith-based context, consider applying for SALT 2018-19! We're looking for communicators, educators, French or Spanish speakers, development grads, peacebuilders, nurses, IT experts, social workers, and more. Young adults ages 18-30, apply today at <http://mccmb.ca/salt>.

As we reflect on MCC's work in 2017, we want to say thank you to the blanket-makers, the quilters, the kit-packers, the meat-canners, the thrift volunteers, local partners, and to our generous donors. You make our work possible.

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FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH OF WINNIPEG

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2017

(10:00 a.m.)

GATHERING

Welcome & Announcements

Special Music

What is this place

Call to Worship

Hymn #16 (HWB)

God is here among us

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Offering Hymn #117 (HWB)

Fairest Lord Jesus

Dedication of the Offering

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Special Music

Set the Sun Dancing

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:21-40

Message

"A complicated birth"

Hymn #215 (HWB)

What child is this

SENDING

Special Music

Put Peace into Each other's Hands

Prayer and Benediction

Hymn (insert)

STJ 73 The Lord lift you up

Postlude

Worship Leader: Rev. David Driedger

Message: Rev. David Driedger

Special Music: Lara McCabe and friends

Accompanist: Margaret Entz

Your offering contributes to the general work of the Church unless designated for a fund, program or project approved by Council.

THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

TODAY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2017

10:00 a.m. Worship Service (no Sunday School)

THIS WEEK

Thurs, Jan 4: **7:30 p.m. Choir Practice**

Sat, Jan 6: **9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. – Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Sun, Jan 7: **10:00 a.m. Worship Service (no Sunday School)**

Sunday School will resume on January 14, 2018.

The Church Office will be open this week Jan 3 – 5 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Concordia Hospital is offering a 7 week Grief Support Group beginning Wednesday evening, January 10. If you have recently experienced the death of a loved one and are struggling with loneliness, hopelessness and uncertainty then you are welcome to join a supportive, safe and confidential group. There is limited enrollment. To register or enquire further, please call Bob Milks at 204-661-7402 or cell 204-794-1913, or respond through email: bmilks@concordiahospital.mb.ca . Deadline for registration is Monday January 8.

SENDING/BLESSING

73 The Lord lift you up

BENEDICTION* 55. 55. 54. 55

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are: "The Lord lift you up, the Lord take your hand, the Lord lead you forth, and cause you to stand, se - cure in God's word, seek - ing God's face, a - bound-ing in love, a - bid - ing in grace. The grace." Above the first staff are chord markings E, A, and B. Above the second staff are E, E7, A, and B7. Above the third staff are C#, C#7, F#m7, and B7. Above the fourth staff are G#m, C#m, F#m, and B7. Above the fifth staff are "1 E" and "Final E".

*Original title

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