

CHARLESWOOD MENNONITE CHURCH

December 19, 2021

Education Hour 9:30 am ~ Worship Service 10:45 am

Caroling (10:30 am): Ann Koop Hunsberger & Adelaide Fransen

Worship Leaders: Youth

Song Leaders: Ages 3-Grade 7

Candle Litany (Mentor Pair): Marcus Huebner & John Braun

Visuals: Kathy Fast, Vaughn Rempel Snider

Technicians: Kent Haase & Mike Smith

Children's Story: Simon Lobe, Jeff Friesen

Musicians: Velma Braun, Jeremy Wiebe

Prayer: Lisa Enns

Ushers: Rudy & Ruth Friesen

Advent 4 ~ *Dare to Imagine God's Face!*

Charleswood Sunday School Christmas Program

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Pre-Service Carol Singing

Prelude Song: *God is a Good God* (Advent version) Children

Skit: "God's Face"

Grades 5-12

Welcome and Introductions

Call to Worship

Song: VT 211

Hope Is a Candle

Candle Lighting

Leader: We light a candle of love and imagine:

People: the lowly lifted up, and fear met with love.

Leader: We light the candle and pray for God's face to shine on us,
to save us, and to restore us.

People: Imagine that we are God's wonders, blessed wonders.

Nativity Scene Videos

Prayer of Confession

Leader: We notice, O God, that when you feed people,
everyone has enough.

**People: We notice that in our world, when we feed people,
some have more than enough, and many are still hungry.**

ALL: Teach us to love.

Leader: We notice, O God, that in your social, economic, racial, and
gender orders, no one is greater, and no one is left behind.

**People: We notice that in our world there are many ladders,
and many are climbing.**

Leader: Reorient us to your vision of equality.

ALL: Teach us to love.

Leader: God of mercy, lower us, raise us, empty us, and fill us.
Like an empty manger,
we want to be ready to receive Emmanuel, your son.

Words of Assurance (adapted from Luke 1:46-49)

**ALL: Our souls magnify the Lord,
our spirits rejoice in God our Saviour.
God has looked with favour on our lowliness.
The Mighty One has done great things for us,
and holy is God's name.**

Song: VT 255

Love Came Down at Christmas

Children's Story

The Christmas Story: "Wait... What?!" God's Love is Surprising!

Ages 3-Grade 6

Scene 1: Mary and the Angel

Scene 2: Joseph and the Angel

Song

Silent Night

Children

Scene 3: Shepherds and Angels

Song: VT 252 *Go Tell It on the Mountain* Children & Congregation

Scene 4: Wisemen

Scene 5: Everyone at the Nativity

Song:

Away in a Manger

Children

Offering and Prayers

Sending

Announcements

Benediction

Song: VT 240

Joy to the World

Children and Congregation

~ Please leave hymnbooks on the seats ~

This year's Advent theme is "*Dare to Imagine*", offered to the churches by our denomination in the *Leader* magazine. This season's writing/planning team was an all-Manitoban one, made up of (take note of the CMC connections!): Emily Rempel, Elsie Rempel, Karen Schellenberg, Kathy Giesbrecht, Michael Pahl, Paul Dueck, and Marika Veith. We use these materials with gratitude as we look ahead to a meaningful season of awaiting the Coming One.