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Dec 7, 2025 Advent 2

The Will to Dream: Prophetic Peace (Zechariah)

Prelude Sharon Heipel

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer Ross Shantz

We gather together in this place:
prophets and dreamers, singers and poets,
we who dare to imagine a world renewed;
we who dare to dream God's dream.

We speak out with Zechariah.
God's name be blessed forever!
For God has remembered us in mercy,
and remained faithful to us in love.
Because of God's tender compassion,
the dawn from on high will rise over us.

Come and worship, all you who dream and wait.
We have come to wonder and praise.

Song O Come Divine Messiah sung by Kim Thiessen

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Peace
Marlene & Nate Gingerich & Liam Moores

Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm God's gift of courageous and prophetic peace.

We believe in a courageous and prophetic peace—a peace founded through sacrificial love and a relentless pressing in toward places of pain and wounding. We commit to justice as peace, and embrace repentance and humility as foundational steps.

We believe there is always more to learn and understand—that a posture of curiosity and grace leads us to the heart of God and one another.

We believe in pursuing shalom, a whole-bodied peace, for all God's creation; seeking peace in families; peace in neighborhoods; peace between nations; peace for Mother Earth; and peace in the quiet depths of our own souls.

We believe in praying for peace; speaking peace over those torn apart by painful divides in streets and conversations; peace for those holding deep grief; peace for those buried under heartache, chaos, and unanswered questions.

We trust this peace is not just a dream, but a promise. With Jesus as the Giver of Peace, we claim anew the deep peace within us, committing to channel it through love and power in all that we say and do.

Song We Are People of God's Peace VT 797

Scripture Luke 1:5-29

Character Narrative Zechariah John Good

Sermon Susan Allison Jones

Song of Response Between Darkness and Light
(Hebrew, Arabic, Ukrainian, Russian, English)

Between darkness and light I will always walk;
and wherever I will go,
I will open a window of light,
and will plant the seeds of love.
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and will plant the seeds of love.

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Carols Go Tell It on the Mountain VT 252
Joy to the World VT 240

Charge: A Call to Advocacy

Sending

Postlude

Advent Worship: The Will To Dream

Advent 1 Vigilant Hope (Isaiah)

Advent 2 Dec 7 Prophetic Peace (Zechariah)
Luke 1:5-29 & Psalm 89:1-4 Susan-Allison-Jones

Advent 3 Dec 14 Unexpected Joy (Elizabeth)
Luke 1:39-56 & Isaiah 61:1-4 Danielle Rimbault

Advent 4 Dec 21 Merciful Love (Joseph)
Matthew 1:18- 2:15 & Is 9:2-7 Susan Allison-Jones

Dec 24 Christmas Eve Service (4 pm)

Dec 28 Christmas Carol Service
at Mannheim Mennonite Church

Epiphany Jan 4 Generational Praise (Anna)
Luke 2:22-40 & Psalm 148 Susan Allison-Jones

Upcoming Events

Dec 10 Christmas Dinner at Schmidtsville at noon

Dec 24 Christmas Eve Service 4 pm

Dec 28 Wilmot Ignited Worship Service 9:45 am
at Mannheim Mennonite Church

Birthdays

December 10 Melvin Jantzi

December 11 Lil Quanz

Prayer Requests

Nevin Gingerich has moved to Longterm Care at Nithview. Pray for both Nevin and Wanda as they make this adjustment. Also pray for God's healing presence on Nevin with his health concerns.

Please pray for the MCEC community of congregations. This week we are praying for Avon Mennonite Church. Troy Watson and Stephen Kennedy provide pastoral leadership for this community. Pray for this congregation as they strive to be a welcoming community where people can experience belonging, encounter God's presence, and grow.

Congregational Notes

Christmas Tree Offerings The winter months are hard for people who are not properly housed or on limited incomes. Warm socks, coats, mittens, scarves, and hats are essential during these cold months. During the Advent season we will be collecting these necessary items. Designated financial donations will be designated for the purchase of such items. Place your donations (including food) under the Christmas tree.

Christmas Dinner If you haven't already, please give your payment for the Christmas Dinner to Lorraine Ramer. Make cheques payable to Schmidtsville Restaurant. \$32 per person.

Beyond the Congregation

Christmas Concert Rockway's Music Department invites you to attend their annual Christmas Concert on **Tuesday, December 9 @ 7 pm at Rockway**. Visit rockway.ca/events for more information.

Interfaith Counselling Centre - Year-End Giving Campaign. Act Now: Bring Hope and Healing This Holiday Season. Give the gift of Mental Health! Support Interfaith Counselling Services as we work to ensure all in Wilmot and surrounding Rural Communities have access to professional counselling services. Donations can be made through: e transfer to admin@interfaithcounselling.ca; Canada Helps through our website, www.interfaithcounselling.ca; Mailing or dropping off a cheque at the office. Thank you!

Ministry Team Leaders Ross Shantz (chair), Fern Good,
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