

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Abbotsford Hospital - Peter Derksen, Ben Loewen,

Neil & Ann Matthies, Sarah Unger

Peace Arch Hospital - Cecile Friesen - for rehab

Helen Bergen - Bevan Lodge

Abe (Mary) **Buhler** - waiting for more test

Lillian Dyck - at home

Margaret Funk - is to have knee surgery Wed. Dec. 8th

Erika (John) **Klassen** - at home

Rita Wiens - home from hospital but declining

Walter (Betty) **Wienss** - was diagnosed with cancer -
pray for strength

Announcement

Congratulations to **Andrew & Sarah Hornor** on the birth of
a baby girl **Mirah Dianne** on Tuesday, November 30, 2021.

Notes of Sympathy

Jakob (Nancy) **Wall** passed away
Thursday, December 2, 2021

Lena Regier, mother of **Werner** (Betty) **Schroeder** &
Dorothea (Dan) **Hiebert** passed away
Thursday, December 2, 2021.

Our sincere condolences to family and friends.

THIS WEEK

**All Sunday Services and Bible Studies are on Television
and the Clearbrook MB Website.**

Today 9:00 am Doyle Klaassen
10:15 am Pastor Scott
Pacific Mennonite Children's Choir

Wednesday 9:00 am German Bible Study
10:00 am English Bible Study - Psalm 92

Sunday, December 12, 2021

9:00 am Doyle Klaassen -
On Livestream and TV only
10:15 am Pastor Scott - Communion

Morgengottesdienst

9:00 Uhr

*„Dazu ist der Sohn Gottes erschienen, daß
er die Werke des Teufels zerstöre.“
1 Johannes 3:8*

Vorspiel: Doug Johnson

Begrüßung und Gebet: Pastor Walter

Gesang: Tochter Zion
60 Wie soll ich Dich empfangen

Bekanntmachungen/Gebet: Pastor Walter

Gesang: # 62 Auf, Seele, auf und säume nicht

Botschaft: „Warum Gott Mensch wurde“
Pr. Doyle Klaassen

Schlusslied # 555 O Gott, sei gelobt

DIESE WOCHE

**Alle Gottesdienste und Bibelstunden werden über
Fernseh (TV) und Computer übertragen.**

Heute 9:00 Uhr Doyle Klaassen -
10:15 Uhr Pastor Scott
Pacific Mennonite Children's Choir

Mittwoch 9:00 Uhr Deutsche Bibelstunde
10:00 Uhr Englische Bibelstunde - Psalm 92

Sonntag, den 12. Dezember, 2021

9:00 Uhr Doyle Klaassen - es wird kein
Deutscher Gottesdienst im Gemeindesaal stattfinden.
Es wird jedoch ein Deutscher Gottesdienst um 9:00 Uhr
über Fernsehen und Internet ausgestrahlt werden
10:15 Uhr Pastor Scott - das Abendmahl

Sunday, December 5, 2021
Clearbrook MB Church



Second Advent

Sunday

9:00 am German Worship Service
10:15 am Family Worship Service

Pastoral Team

Scott & Miriam Tolhurst
Walter & Edith Wiens
George & Mary Baier
Fred & Hani Ekkert

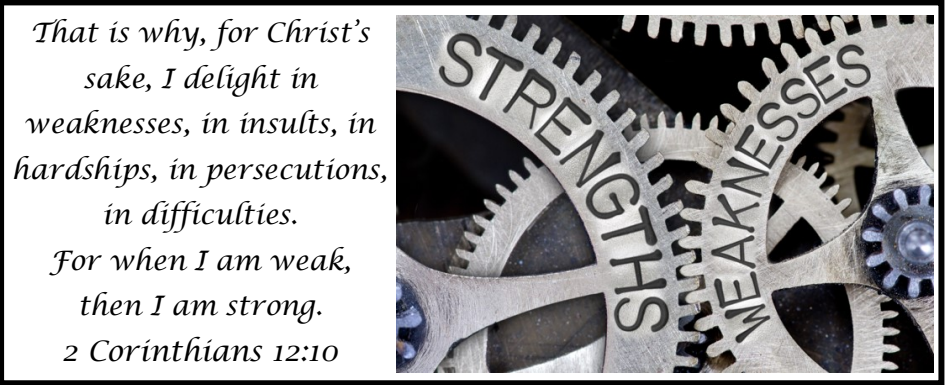
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PRELUDE:

Doug Johnson

INVOCATION/WELCOME:

Pastor Scott

READINGS:

Isaiah 52, Peace

PMCC:

Huron Carol & Riu Riu ChiuSonja Hindmarsh

CONGREGATION AND PMCC CHOIR:

Sonja Hindmarsh

132Angels We Have Heard On High

147Silent Night

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Scott

MUSICAL MEDITATION:

Mary Did You Know?

Sonja Hindmarsh & Brooklyn Gerber

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Pastor Walter

PMCC:

Lullaby for the Christ ChildSonja Hindmarsh

Mary's Son The Prince of Peace

TRIO:

O How Can It Be?Brooklyn Gerber

Valeishka & Izabella Froese-Cruz

MESSAGE:

"Weak, Wounded and Wrestle"

2 Corinthians 11:16-12:10Pastor Scott

HYMN:

415He Giveth More Grace

BENEDICTION:

Pastor Scott

PMCC:

Ding Dong Merrily On High

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To watch our Church Services - go to the Clearbrook MB Church Website and click on Watch Live.

For Pilgrims

More Than A Countdownby Pastor Scott

Every believer tastes the distance of God. When the clouds of life smother us with darkness, it is common to look up and see no light. Abraham, David, Elijah and Job form a quartet questioning, "God where are You?" It is a question that presses against the head and heart of those who love and follow God. Advent is an answer to the dilemma. Advent season is more than a countdown. It is not a preparation for Christmas, but of Christ. Neither does Advent simply announce what has happened. Christ came. Advent is the anticipation of a promise. God comes. He always has. Proof is scattered throughout the Biblical narrative.

At the very beginning God drew near to His creation. Adam, Eve and God walked together in the garden during the cool of the day. Adam and Eve tried to hide from Him after their disobedience, but even then, God sought and found them. The drama of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob demonstrates that God wanders with us to provide, guide and bless. When the people of Jehovah multiply into a nation, God is seen in a pillar of fire and smoke. He is willing to be carried on their shoulders via the Ark of the Covenant. David and Solomon are commanded to build Him a home in their midst and the glory of His presence descends upon the temple. Ultimately God comes, not just to us, but like us in Jesus Christ. God wears the Name Emmanuel - God is with us!

God continually enacts the meaning of Advent. He came. He comes. He will come. Clouds may thicken and block our vision of the sun, but the sun still shines. I may struggle to perceive the nearness of God, but the Bible shouts and proves. He can't stay away from us! God is far more ready to come to me than I am to Him. Please note the absurdity of that. Surely we have read it wrong. We are the ones who should go to Him. The lesser ought to approach the Greater. Our feet should move towards Him out of desire, duty and need. We should ascend the steps of the temple and hope for a summons of mercy. Who would criticize a still God who awaits the advent of His people? That makes sense to me, but that isn't the story of Scripture.

We are the prodigals who, in the midst of returning, find the Father running towards us. We are the disciples drenched and drowning in fear on Galilean waves, and then see Jesus walking our way on the water. We are on the road to Emmaus, confused by life and burdened with pain. A Stranger saddles up alongside us. He paces with us, igniting our hearts. We are the New Jerusalem, adorned like a Bride walking down the aisle. The choir is singing, "The dwelling place of God is with man! He will dwell with them and they will be His people." The shadows depart leaving only the brightness of His glory. We enter an eternal Advent.

Upper Room & Some in Foyer

- Unser Tglich Brot - Oktober / November / Dezember
- Unser Tglich Brot - Dezember Grodruck
- Our Daily Bread - December / January / February
- Today - November / December
- December Bridge
- December Multiply Daily Prayer Guide
- Gideon Christmas Cards & Memorial Cards
- Evangelical Fellowship of Canada - Faith Today
- MCC - 2021 Christmas Giving Guide
- Christmas Booklets
- Advent Devotional prepared by MB Seminary

Special Offering for Sumas Flood - to respond to the natural BC disaster including flooding in the Sumas Prairie, a special offering will be taken on Sunday, December 12th. It will go towards the MCC and MDS (Mennonite Disaster Services) response to these disasters. More information is in the December BRIDGE, page 23. Cheques can be made out to Clearbrook MB Church with MCC BC Flood written on the memo line and on the line below 'Budget' on our envelopes.

We are privileged to welcome the Pacific Mennonite Children's Choir in our morning worship service today! This distinguished group will serve us with some wonderful Christmas music. Saturday, December 11 at 7 pm PMCC will be performing "A Canadian Christmas" at Central Heights Church. More information is in the Bridge and on posters.

We are collecting non-perishable food that will be given both for the Abbotsford Food Bank and for preparing Christmas Hampers. If you know of a family we can help please speak with Pastor Walter.

Financial Update

Last Sunday, November 28, 2021, our offering total was \$7,455.00. This brings our 2021 contributions to date for our budget contribution commitment to \$502,544.45. Our monthly budget contribution commitment for 2021 is approximately \$47,000 each month. Given this we are \$14,455.55 short for the 11 months.

Thank you for your faithful giving.