

Holyrood Mennonite Church

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Pastor: Suzanne Gross cell: 780-700-4667 suzannegross@netscape.net



Speaker: Emmanuel Snogba

Worship Leader: Joyce Baergen

Children's Church: Helena Chokpelleh

Music Group: Amie, Esther, Evanna, Danielle, Grace, Josh, Thomas

Tech Support: Arthur Elliott, Edward, Dixon

Our Vision:

Training Apprentices of Jesus to share God's abundant hospitality with people of all ages and cultures through the power of the spirit.

Welcome to Worship Service at 10:30 am
International Witness Sunday, October 26, 2025

GATHERING

Prelude
Welcome
Gathering Song: Jesus, Stand Among Us #25 HWB
Call to Worship
Opening Prayer

PRAISING GOD

- What a Mighty God We Serve
- Glory Be to God in the Highest Hallelujah
- We Will Celebrate Our God

Invitation to Greet Each Other.

Offering:

Can be made by e-transfer to holyroodmchurch@gmail.com

Offertory: In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Feature: Ronky Snogba

Scripture: John 13:34-35, read by Blessing

Reflection by Emmanuel Snogba

- Transition Song: Heart with Loving Heart #420 HWB

SHARE AND PRAYER

Announcements

Benediction

Sending Song: The Lord Lift You Up

Announcements

From Holyrood

- **Wednesday, October 29:** Bible Study at 7 p.m. in person in the library & on Zoom
- **Thursday, October 30:** Music lessons and music practice; Church cleaning between 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Sunday Worship, November 2 at 10:30 a.m.

Speaker: Pastor Suzanne

Worship leader: Peter Doblach

Scripture reader: Luke 19:1-10, read by Dixon

Children's feature: Joyce Baergen

Our Shared Prayer

- Loving Creator God,
I am troubled! My mind keeps wandering all over the place, jumping from this to that. It's hard to pray; scattered bits of words hitting here and there: nothing coming together. Everything is fragmented into bits and pieces. I wonder, where are you, God?
A stubborn cold; it's only a cold, but it continues to linger, on and on! My sore throat! my aching head! my loss of appetite! my throbbing limbs! These and other natural and unnatural ailments keep jangling through my being. They keep siphoning all my coherent thoughts. I seem even too sick to pray. I don't know what to say.
And I can't sleep! I wrestle with the same problems – Ukraine, Gaza, Palestine, Israel, South Sudan, Ethiopia, Myanmar, USA, Canada. And all the politics! And what are we doing to our atmosphere – our climate? I can't seem to stop this unholy rehearsal.
- Breathe in deeply! Breathe in the grace... Breathe in the love... Breathe in the joy... Breathe in the Psalmists permission to scream out my problematic thoughts... Breathe in the holy calm... Breathe in peace... Breathe in deeply, the Holy Spirit; Peace. Breathe in the friends of God... Breathe in the Christian Community with Thanksgiving to the Almighty loving Creator God: our Guide; our Friend.

Excerpt from Prayer for Healing. Written and shared by Hugo Neufeld, Trinity Mennonite

Mennonite Church Alberta 2025 Prayer Request for October *Please pray for our Pastors*

- For the month of **October, Pastor Appreciation Month**, please pray for *all* the **MCA pastors** and particularly pray for those congregations who are searching for a pastor -- Bergthal Mennonite and Calgary First Mennonite, and following Pastor Terry's term as interim pastor, Trinity Mennonite.

Mezgebu Tucho, Ryan Dueck, Bill Christieson, Debbie Bledsoe, Rachel Siemens, Caleb Kowalko, Tany Warkentin, Rueben Tut, Suzanne Gross, Nathaniel Bimba, Amanuel Abdisa, Terry Fachs, Aiden Scherzinger.

Mennonite Life and Church Activities

- **Monday, Nov. 3 at 2:00 pm.** The Canadian Foodgrains Bank invites us to King's University to hear Shepherd Tipote from World Renew, Uganda, talking about the work of empowering women in building community and family livelihoods.
- **Saturday, November 8:** Book launch for "*Strangers No More*" How the Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers changed the face of Alberta for over 40 years. All are invited to celebrate EMCN's history at First Mennonite Church, 3650 91 Street, from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- **Sunday, November 16:** Peace Prayer at Holyrood. Taizé ecumenical prayer meeting with scripture, silence and songs, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- **Young Leaders of Holyrood:** Are you interested in exploring a paid learning opportunity from MCC and strengthen Holyrood's ministry? Please talk to Pastor Suzanne about the deadline for the 2026 *Summerbridge Applicant and Sponsoring Church Proposal*.