

Holyrood Mennonite Church

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Worship Leader: Jaczon Nyuma

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Tech Support: Arthur Elliott, Edward, Emmanuel

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
Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 21, 2025
Be Amazed: Love Comes Down

GATHERING

Welcome
Candle Lighting Litany
Gathering Song: Waymaker
Call to Worship
Opening Prayer

PRAISING GOD

- Love Came Down at Christmas #208 HWB
- O Come O Come Immanuel #172 HWB vs. 1, 4 and 6
- There is Joy in the House of the Lord

Offering:

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

Offertory: Creator of the Stars of Night #177 HWB

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Feature: Pastor Suzanne Gross

Scripture: John 1:1-5, 10, 15, read by Dixon

Reflection

Transition Song: Hark the Herald Angels #201 HWB vs 1 and 3

SHARE AND PRAYER

Announcements

Benediction

Sending Song: May the Peace of Christ Be With You

Announcements

From Holyrood

- **Sunday, December 21:** We are overjoyed by the beautiful, festive Christmas decorations in the Sanctuary and foyer thanks to sisters Helena and Wanda! And thank you, Youth and Pastor Suzanne, for decking the tree with hand-made symbols!
- **Wednesday, December 24:** Christmas Eve Candlelight Service and children's pageant, starting at 6 p.m.
- **Next music lessons and practice: Thursday, January 8.**

Sunday Worship, December 28 at 10:30 a.m.

Be Amazed: God Among Us

Speaker: Pastor Nathaniel Bimba

Worship Leader: Joyce Baergen

Scripture: John 1:29–34

Our Shared Prayer

- **Thank You God**, for Your guidance, even when we don't see it, especially as we journey through this life, in this third week of Advent, as we look for Joy in the Desert.
Thank You that You give comfort as we lay down our cares and concerns and give them to You.
Thank You for answered prayers, big and small in areas of our lives where the desert was dark and You shone through Your light to bring Joy and touched our hearts with the promise of cool water in the wasteland of our lives.
Give us strength and courage when answers to prayers seem far away and we thirst for the promise of cool water. Bless us with Your love and care as we journey through this Advent Season. May we feel Your Presence and Joy in and around us. Amen.
Written and shared by Leona Janzen, Springridge Mennonite Church in Pincher Creek.

Mennonite Church Alberta 2025 Prayer Request for December ***Please pray for pastoral searches across the province***

- Throughout history, God has called forth leaders to use their ministry gifts in service to the church. Presently, three MCA congregations are searching for pastors. Please pray for Trinity Mennonite, First Mennonite Calgary, and Bergthal Mennonite, and their search committees for wisdom and discernment. Please also pray for potential candidates as they seek God's will in their search for a new congregation, and MCA and MC Canada leadership as they support the discernment process.

Mennonite Life and Church Activities

- **Youth Leadership Team:** The first meeting of the YLT will be the Calgary Winter Weekend on January 24th and 25th, at the Foothills Mennonite Church.
To register, go to <https://campvalaqua.ca/events>
- Young Canada Works (YCW) program is an opportunity for eligible employers (like our church) to access wage subsidies and connect with talented youth equipped with innovative ideas and competitive skills. YCW offers an employment program for students and an internship program for college and university graduates. **Young Canada Works at Building Careers in Heritage** is a 4-to-12-month internship program for organizations in the cultural sector. Application deadline: **January 15**. Priority is given to applications for full-time internships.
- **Gifts of comfort and joy:** Get inspired by MCC's Christmas giving projects including income-generating ducks or chickens, clean drinking water, essential school supplies or hope during hard times. What initiatives can our church community contribute? See the catalogue in the foyer for inspiration or go to mcc.org/christmas-gifts