

Holyrood Mennonite Church

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**I Need God To
Breathe On Me**

EZEKIEL 37:1-14

Speakers:	Venissa Tumbay and Josh
Worship Leaders:	Helena, Venissa, Josh, Dixon, Elizabeth, Edward, Nathan, Samuel, Erika, Josephine
Children's Church:	Children Stay in Sanctuary
Music Group:	Amie, Esther, Cynthia, Thomas, Gizzie Grace, Josh, Evanna, Danielle
Tech Support:	Arthur Elliott, 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
Second Sunday of Advent, December 7, 2025
*Be Amazed: Peace in the Valley of Bones***

GATHERING

Prelude
Welcome
Gathering Song: If You Believe and I Believe #32 STJ
Focus Statement and Call to Worship
Opening Prayer

PRAISING GOD

- Rain Down STJ 49
- The Peace of the Earth Be with You #77 STJ
- Great are you Lord

Offering:
Can be made by e-transfer to holyroodmchurch@gmail.com
Offertory: My Lifetime

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Feature: Dramatic Reading of Ezekiel
Candle Lighting Litany
Scripture: John 11:25-26

Reflections from Venissa and Josh

Transition Song: The Lord Lift You Up

SHARE AND PRAYER

Announcements
Benediction
Sending Song: May the Peace of Christ Be With You

Announcements

From Holyrood

- **Wednesday, December 10:** Bible Study, led by Pastor Nathaniel 7 p.m. at church, in person and on Zoom.
- **Thursday, December 11:** Music lessons and music practice; Church cleaning between 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.
- **Sunday, December 14:** Short workshop on Giving in Canada, facilitated by Pastor Nathaniel, in the Sanctuary after Worship.

Third Sunday of Advent, December 14 at 10:30 a.m.

Be Amazed: Joy in the Desert

Speaker: Peter Doblach

Worship Leader: Pastor Nathaniel Bimba

Scripture: Isaiah 35: 1-10

Our Shared Prayer

- God, We long for the coming of Your kingdom in Jesus Christ, our Lord.
But because Jesus has taught us to trust You in all things, we hold to his Word and pray his prayer:
Your kingdom come, Your will be done.
Where nations close and restrict their borders, while Christ says, "Care for the immigrant and foreigner among you":
Your kingdom come, Your will be done.
Where powerful governments claim their policies are heaven blessed, while the Bible says God helps the powerless:
Your kingdom come, Your will be done.
Where nations budget for war, while Christ says, "Put up your sword":
Your kingdom come, Your will be done.
Where Indigenous brothers and sisters crushed by the past, when together we work for reconciliation and justice:
Your kingdom come, Your will be done.
God, You have declared that Your kingdom is among us.
Open our ears to hear it, our hands to serve it, our hearts to hold it. Amen.
Excerpt of prayer of hope for Advent, adapted from The Worship Sourcebook. Shared by Terry Fach, Pastor, Trinity M Church

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

- **Upcoming Youth Activities:**
Friday, December 19: Christmas decorations and pageant practice at church in the Fellowship Hall, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- **Youth and Young Adults of Holyrood:** Join Venissa and contribute to the planning of MCA-wide youth events in 2026. The Youth Leadership Team of Alberta meets in person and connects through Zoom.
- **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 or go to mcc.org/christmas-gifts