

Worship Service

Worship Service

(online service outline)

Chris Hutton

Community Connection

Music Corner

Children's Moment

Ellery Rauwerda

Advent Candle Lighting

Advent Monologue

Scripture Verse:

John 3:16-17

Message: Daniel Janzen

"On the Road to Restoration"



Candlelight Service Update

Hi Everyone!

We've had multiple inquiries about posting one of our candlelight services online. We would love to be able to do this, but I wanted to share a little bit of background. As a church, we want to ensure that composers and arrangers are appropriately compensated for their work. Obtaining the necessary copyright permissions would take months, and cost a lot of money. Additionally, we would like to respect the privacy of choir members and musicians. We would need to obtain permission from everyone involved in order to post the video online. As you can imagine, unfortunately, this is not a realistic undertaking.

As the 25th nears, I'm definitely missing some of our Christmas traditions. I completely understand the disappointment and frustration of not being able to simply post a video. It feels like just another "ugh!" to add to the pile of "ugh!"s of 2020.

As a small consolation, I've put together a playlist of choral music by professional choirs. Although you won't hear the familiar voices of the Niagara UM and Bethany singers, these are all songs that have been sung at Candlelight in the last couple years. When I listen to these songs (with the added benefit of hearing a whole orchestra to accompany the choirs) I'm brought back to the joy, and the mounting excitement of anticipating Christmas in years past.

Click the image of the bells to be taken to the playlist.

It does feel different this year. There's a lot that doesn't feel right, but I hope these songs cut through the 2020 "ugh", even if for a brief moment. May they help us all to feel that same joy and anticipation that underscores the Advent season, whether we're singing our hearts out in the candlelight choir, or listening to these songs in the background while we cook dinner at home. (You can still sing your heart out in the kitchen!)

Wishing you the very best this Christmas season,

Rachael



November 29 ~ First Advent: On the road to Readiness

What does readiness look like? How might we prepare ourselves to receive the One sent to save us?

May our heart's desire be to make space to receive the gift God has sent.

November 29 ~ First Advent: German Service

Der Heiland kommt zu uns! Wir zünden die erste Adventskerze an, u. feiern das heilige Abendmahl

December 6 - Second Advent: On the road to Repentance

When the heart is moving in readiness, there is an openness to the "new" - perhaps the fresh thing God wants to do.

To embrace the new requires letting go of the past.

Repentance means we are letting go and making space for God's new work in us.

In Person & Online

December 13 - Third Advent: On the road to Restoration

The gift offered to the repentant is restoration.

The road to restoration is a journey toward wholeness in body, soul and spirit.

Online

DECEMBER 13 - THIRD ADVENT: GERMAN SERVICE

Das Heil steht an der Tür! Wir zünden die dritte Adventskerze an, und bereiten unsere Herzen auf sein Kommen.

December 20 - Fourth Advent: On the road to Revelation

On the road to revelation, if we have faith and a willing spirit, God will show us the way.

God's word to us is, "I am with you; do not be afraid"

In Person & Online

DECEMBER 24 ~ CHRISTMAS: ON THE ROAD TO REJOICING

Walking the road of revelations results in overwhelming joy. The waiting is over. Jesus has come!

We rejoice in the incarnation, God in the flesh, God with us!

In-Person & Live-streamed Online ** at 7:00 PM**

DECEMBER 27 ~ CHRISTMAS: GERMAN SERVICE

Christ der Retter ist da! Diese Andacht wird am 24.12. gepostet werden, damit man sie zu jeder Zeit in den Festtagen schauen kann. **Online**

January 3 - Epiphany: On the road to Radiance

Jesus, Light of the World, has come and shed light on our journey.

We are radiant in the light of His love and grace.

In Person & Online

In Person

Sundays at 10:00 AM

8

ONLINE

Sundays at 10:00 AM

niagararedbrick.online.church/

 ** Also available at Pleasant Manor and on Cogeco. See bulletin for more details. **

Within NUMC



All the latest things that are happening

No Sr Youth this Friday night!

We will meet again on January 8th! But have a very Merry Christmas and a great New Year!

E-News

We don't know what the future holds for potential COVID lockdowns. If you would like an email from the church if we need to close, or if there is any other COVID-related information to share, we welcome you to sign up for our e-news <u>here</u>.



We express our deep thanks and appreciation to Gunnar as he retires from his ministry as worship leader in the German services. This has been a true blessing to us, and we wish you health and peace in your rest from this good work. ~ The German Worship Team

2020 Financial Giving



To donate:

Donate through the <u>website</u> E-Transfer to treasurer@redbrickchurch.ca Text NUMCGIVE to 73256

Drop a cheque off in the church mailbox or mail a cheque to the church.

Giving Statements:

Those with a REALM account, click on the GIVE tab on your profile page to see your 2020 donations to date. If you do not have a REALM account, and would like a donation statement contact the church office.

Please have 2020 donations to the church or E-Transferred by 9:00 am December 30.

The Church Board, extends its sincere thanks to all persons who have continued to contribute financially towards our church ministry.

In Our Community and Beyond

Mennonite Burial Society

Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Saturday, January 9, 2021 at 2 pm. Due to current constraints for in person meetings, this is via online webinar only, so please register for AGM at top of our web site. Agenda will be similar to past AGMs, discussing 2020 results, 2021 levies and benefit payments, and future plans. Board and committee positions are available.

Further details available at www.mennoniteburialsociety.com or Barry Boese at 905-228-1850 or email info@mennoniteburialsociety.com.

How to worship with us this week...



In-Person Service

This week we will hold an **English** service in our sanctuary. Visit <u>REALM</u> to see the full schedule of live services and to register. You can also call the church office for details or to pre-register.

10:00 am

"Church Online" (English)

Watch the English service every week <u>HERE</u> at the same time as others, and join in the conversation using the chat box

10:00 am

English Online

Available through the <u>church website</u> every Sunday morning by 10 am and available throughout the week.

10:30 am

Cogeco

This week, our **English** service will be presented on Channel 10.



Pleasant Manor English Service

11:00 am Available every week through the Pleasant Manor antenna system.

December 20 - in church service is full, no walk-ins

December 24- in church service pre-registration still open, contact the church office

December 27 - Online and Pleasant Manor only ,no in church or Cogeco services

January 3 -10-17-24 services open for registration.

In Church Service Pre-Registering

It is very helpful for us to know how many to expect each Sunday for the worship service. Whenever possible please pre-register before attending.

Those wishing to pre-register will need to have a REALM account setup. Invitations to register were sent out in August, however the invitation expires after 30 days. If you require a new invitation, so you can setup your account, please contact the <u>church office</u>.

Those who do not have computers, you can pre-register for services by calling the church office.

Contact Us

Our Pastoral Team is still around, just working from home these days.

Call/Email/Text:

Pastor Daniel Janzen

daniel@redbrickchurch.ca 306.401.0113

Pastor Chris Hutton

chris@redbrickchurch.ca 289.228.1971

Pastor Renate Dau Klaassen

renate@redbrickchurch.ca 905.348.6257

Rachael Peters

rachael@redbrickchurch.ca 905-468-3313

General Inquiries

office@redbrickchurch.ca 905.468.3313

Stay Connected

Stay connected with church community in the following ways:

Click the links to find out more!

Service Information Youth and Young Adults

<u>Care Ministry</u> <u>Red Brick Kids</u>

Life With Us Calendar of Events

<u>E-News</u> <u>Give</u>

- Visit the website: www.redbrickchurch.ca
- Find us <u>on Facebook</u>
- Reach out to our 'Care Ministry'