



**All Community
Worship Service**

**December 17, 2023
(Advent 3)**

10:30am

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As a church community, we gratefully acknowledge that we are beneficiaries of Treaty 6 and that we gather on the traditional homeland of diverse Indigenous Peoples and the Métis Nation.

THIS WEEK ...

Monday

Tuesday Blue Christmas Service 7:00pm
(First Baptist Church)

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday Community Prayer 7:30am

Saturday

Sunday ESL (Zoom) 8:30am
(Advent 4) Christmas Eve Service 7:30pm
 Christmas Eve Service 10:30pm

COMING UP ...

Event Calendar for **Dec/Jan** is available at the Welcome Desk.

The Season of Advent is here! Please check out ***Advent Happenings at Emmanuel*** for details (Welcome Desk or website - ebap.ca/advent-2023)

Children's Presentation - Sunday, December 17 at 10:30am. TODAY! Following this service, please join us for **Soup & Sandwiches**. And then, there will be our **Christmas Creation** event where kids & caregivers can create memories while making Christmas crafts together.

Blue Christmas Service - On Tuesday, December 19 at 7 pm we will be partnering with First Baptist Church to offer a Blue Christmas service. The service is designed for the weary - for those who are feeling fatigue, grief, loneliness, & are not feeling particularly merry or bright. **The service will be held at First Baptist Church: 401 - 4th Avenue North.**

Christmas Eve - All Age Candlelight Services - Sunday, December 24 at 7:30pm & 10:30pm. Everyone welcome!

Information For Your First Time At Emmanuel

Children's Ministry - Our in-person programming for children is as follows: **The Nursery** (Room 119) is open but unsupervised for children aged 0-2. **Preschool-Aged Children (2-5 years)** are invited to head to Room 109 where a new area is set-up for them. **Gradeschool Children** taking part in Sunday School will start in the sanctuary for a couple of songs before being invited to their class (Grade 1-4, Fellowship Hall & Grade 5-6, Youth Room). Please accompany them to meet their leaders if it is their first time. Gradeschool Children will be escorted back to the Sanctuary to join their parents/guardians near the end of the service. ***During Advent, all children will be joining their families/caregivers in the Sanctuary for these family-friendly services.***

Hearing Assistance - Devices are available at the Welcome Desk. Ask an usher for instructions.

Communion - We celebrate communion each week by coming forward to the table. If mobility is an issue for you, please use the yellow card you'll find near your seat to indicate that you'd like someone to bring communion to you.

Visitors - Please do not feel obligated to participate in the Offering - We invite you to fill out a WelcomeCard and place it in the Offering Box. Information about our regular programs can be found in the Welcome Brochure under *Resources* at the Information Centre in the foyer or you can chat with someone at the Welcome Desk.

Our Vision: God-Dependent, Jesus-Rooted, Spirit-Led

Our Mission: To fully love God and all people for God's Kingdom, pleasure and glory.

Our Values: Scripture, Prayer, Generosity, Diversity, Community, Creativity, Outreach, Justice, Love

NEWS & NOTES

MCC CONNECTS: Warm up for the winter and help support MCC's relief, development and peace work by participating in our quilt sale now at 50% off! Each of these beautiful quilts have been sewn by generous donors and you can explore the collection of quilts at this link: <http://www.mccskquiltsale.com>

Some agencies in Saskatoon that are looking for help:

The Bridge on 20th - TODAY'S needs: Bibles, M-L men's underwear, belts, bras. Sorry, but we are short of space so if not listed above, we are not able to accept those donations at this time. Kitchen: coffee whitener, coffee, canned tomatoes, elbow macaroni, 5kg chicken stock, white rice. Staff Positions Available: Youth Assistant/Floor Minister; Donor Relations - Are you interested in joining our team, but not sure what role is the right fit for you? We'd love to hear from you! Contact office@thebridgesaskatoon.com

Canadian Blood Services - Donors are needed every day. Blood, plasma, platelets, stem cells, organs & tissues are a critical part of everyday medical care including major surgeries, medical procedures, cancer treatments & managing diseases. Every donation you make matters. Join Emmanuel's Group Donation Team and help us reach our goal of 40 units of blood donated this year by visiting blood.ca and adding your name to group number EMMA272215.

Saskatoon Food Bank - We appreciate all food donations. Our most wanted items are: baby food & formula, whole grain pastas & cereals, canned fruits & vegetables, canned protein, 100% fruit juice, peanut butter, hearty soups & stews. Food donations can be taken to most grocery stores or directly to the Food Bank at 202 Avenue C South. Cash donations are also accepted. Donate today at: saskatoonfoodbank.org or learn more at facebook.com/yxefoodbank/

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you would like prayer for yourself or someone you know, please contact the church office with your concerns.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." ~ Phil 4:6

1. Pray for **Reg Peachey** as he has transitioned to the Hospice at Glengarda.
2. Please pray for those who have recently been diagnosed with illness & for those who struggle with ongoing health issues. Also, please pray for those who care for them on an ongoing basis.
3. Pray for those who struggle during the holiday season with grief, fatigue, or loneliness.
4. Pray for those who are looking for work.
5. Pray for our Emmanuel community, for continued progress as we move forward in our journey together, for our finances, our programming, for a continued good relationship with the Allegro School, & for our mutual encouragement in the faith.

Pray for our partners at home and abroad:

Overseas:

- Rev. Andre, Rev. Gato (Rwanda)

Close to Home:

- The Quest at Christopher Lake (Gil Klassen)
- The Bridge on 20th, Saskatoon (Linda Walker)
- IVCF-International Students, Saskatoon (Gerry & Shirley Falk)
- Hope Restored, Saskatoon (Joeline Magill)
- Saskatoon Pregnancy Options Centre, Saskatoon (Dee Cook)
- Canadian Baptist Ministries (CBM)
- Canadian Baptists of Western Canada (CBWC)
- Carey Theological College

Donations to the following can be made through EBC: (please designate on your offering envelope)

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YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL SUMMARY @ OCTOBER 31, 2023

	OPERATING (Day-to-Day)			CAPITAL (Major)		
	Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance
REVENUE						
EBC Donations	133,600	105,643	(27,957)	60,000	600	(59,400)
AMS Lease	22,500	22,500	0			
Other	0	1,831	1,831			
TOTAL REVENUE	156,100	129,974	(26,126)	60,000	600	(59,400)
TOTAL EXPENSES	156,859	144,396	12,463	60,000	38,076	21,924
Total Operating Surplus/(Deficit)		(14,422)				
Total Shortfall of Donations to Cover Leasehold Improvements					(37,476)	

SCECU Line-of-Credit (Maximum \$250K) @ NOVEMBER 17, 2023

DEBT OWING TO-DATE	(119,286)	INTEREST Paid To-date	1,917
AVAILABLE to be Withdrawn	130,714		

DONATE TO EBC:

THROUGH INTERNET BANKING

We now offer e-Transfers to bookkeeper@ebap.ca.
Or contact Jan at 306-477-1234, ext 126
or bookkeeper@ebap.ca for an identifier code
& create EBC as a Payee under your Bill Payments option.

ON-LINE GIVING

www.emmanuelbaptist.ca/giving

ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

If you've come with an offering or you're prompted to give during worship, you're invited to take it to one of the two **Offering Boxes** located in the Sanctuary near the exit doors.

"I am not alone at all, I thought. I was never alone at all. And that, of course, is the message of Christmas. We are never alone. Not when the night is darkest, the wind coldest, the world seemingly most indifferent. For this is still the time God chooses."

— Taylor Caldwell