

Participants in Sunday leadership for December, 2023

Date	Reader	Liturgist (Prayers)	Greeter
Dec 3	Katharine	Monica	Jerry
Dec 10	Pam	Lexy	Larry
Dec 17	Cathy D.	Monica	Ralph
Dec 24	Kim	Jennifer	Ralph
Dec 24 ✦	Pam	Kathrine	Larry
Dec 25 🛎	Katharine	Jennifer	Jerry
Dec 31	Pam	Monica	Larry

Readings and prayers are available on the "Sunday Service" page of our website.

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church is located on original lands of Anishinaabe, Cree, Ojibwe-Cree, Dakota, and Dene peoples, and on the homeland of the Métis Nation. We respect the Treaties that were made on these territories, we acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and we dedicate ourselves to move forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

Each of us is a unique creation drawn into being by the Source of Life. While committed to the Christian path, we do not all believe the exact same things; there is room at Gloria Dei for doubt, exploration, and diversity.

We celebrate and give thanks for the many diverse gifts among us. We strive to be an open and affirming congregation to all, welcoming and including in our ministry persons of every race, culture, age, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, ability, and economic status. We commit ourselves to the work of anti-racism and creating an anti-racist space. We believe that through our openness, we all grow in our faith following Christ's model of love, respect, kindness, and generosity.

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*Signs and wonders lead the dancing from the heart God frees from fear:
wings of angels greet the maiden, and God finds a dwelling here;
boldly may we lift our hands, bow the head, and voice Amen;
thus does glory shine at midnight: open hearts invite the starlight.*

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“Hope” – it’s certainly an *Advent word*.

We anticipate, we prepare, we wait... we *hope*! This was also a word that emerged from our visioning day. It is something we feel when we come together, and something that points us to a future with promise!

As we begin this new church year... as we anticipate *love-incarnate*, *hope-incarnate*, *joy-incarnate*... what might we make in terms of ‘resolutions’? What can we plan to *do*? And who might we *be*?

The hymnist writes about being free from fear, about God working in and through a person of humble origin, about opening hearts and light breaking in... this is God bringing into being *new life* in our midst. God continues to bring new life among us and through us.

Hope and love are incarnate in the *Word-made-flesh* because the story is not one of power and privilege saving us, but of a little one born into simple circumstances, coming *from* the margins of society and – in his ministry – going *to* the margins of society. The Saving One is good news for us because it reminds us of how God is present in *the least of these*, and God will work through little ones, and God is with us – no matter who we are – until the end of the age.

Looking forward, may we actively bring hope to our community and world!

-Pastor Tyler

We welcome Elder Mike Monias for a Learning Event on Sacred Teachings and Reconciliation – 1:30pm, Sunday, December 3. Everyone welcome!



Join in, this Fall. The abbreviation is "3P," and it stands for **Play/Pizza/Pray**. Come at 4pm on **Sunday, December 17**, and we'll have a time of fun and conversation, we'll eat together, and then we'll have informal worship together! Everyone welcome!

 **CHRISTMAS SERVICES** 

Sunday, December 24 – 10:30am, Fourth Sunday in Advent
 Sunday, December 24 – 4:00pm, Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
 Monday, December 25 – 10:30am, Christmas Day Worship Service
 Sunday, December 31 – 10:30am, Lessons and Carols for Christmas

Annual Baby Shower for Mary & Jesus

We will be collecting items for young parents throughout December, and will have a presentation on January 7th (Baptism of Our Lord Sunday). All donations will be gifted to North Point Douglas Women's Center. Please see the e-news for a list of needed items.



Gloria Dei's AGM will take place on Sunday, March 3, 2024 following Sunday Worship.

Carol Sing & Longest Night with Mennonite Neighbours

Charleswood Mennonite Church warmly invites you to join in at 699 Haney St. for two events in December: on Sunday, Dec.10, 3 pm for a Christmas Carol Sing, and on Thursday, Dec.21, 7 pm for a Longest Night Service (a Taize-style worship time for those who find this season of the year difficult, the darkness deep, or struggle with grief). Feel free to come and join in!



MOOSE HIDE CAMPAIGN
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The Moose hide Campaign and Thursdays in Black pins (available at the entry to our church) are ways to show support and solidarity, and be clear in your desire and commitment to work towards a world without rape and gender-based violence. (see article, "16 Days." in this newsletter)

See their websites for more information:

<https://wicc.org/resources/thursday-in-black-action-sheet/>
<https://moosehidecampaign.ca/>



So many ways to keep in touch, and to know what's happening at Gloria Dei...

E-news is sent weekly via email.

Announcements are included in our Sunday bulletin.

Our "Gloria Daily" **newsletter** is published monthly. (and you're looking at it right now!)

And, of course, there is lots of information shared online on our website and social media platforms!

If you have an announcement, or an article, or an invitation to share with our community, contact our church office to help share the word around!

Peace and blessings to you this holiday season.

16 Days

The 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence is an annual campaign that begins on 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and runs through International Human Rights Day on 10 December.

Led by civil society, the campaign is supported by the United Nations through the Secretary General's UNiTE by 2030 to End Violence against Women initiative.

1 in 3	5	40%
More than 1 in 3 women experience gender-based violence during their lifetime.	More than 5 women or girls are killed every hour by someone in their own family.	Less than 40 per cent of women who experience violence seek help of any sort.

(<https://www.unwomen.org/en/news-stories/in-focus/2022/11/in-focus-16-days-of-activism-against-gender-based-violence>)

What is "Write for Rights"?

For over 20 years, Amnesty International's annual Write for Rights campaign has transformed the lives of people whose rights have been wronged. Using the power of their words, Write for Rights supporters have united behind a common purpose: together, we can change lives for the better.

Letter writing has always been at the heart of Amnesty International's work and over 60 years of activism shows us that words have power. Last year, we took over 4.6 million actions and our members hosted events in more than 200 countries, including 162 events across Canada. Together we wrote millions of letters, emails and Tweets and signing petitions.

Amnesty International is inviting you to help change lives on December 10, International Human Rights Day, with the world's biggest grassroots event for human rights: *Write for Rights!*

(AmnestyInternational.ca)

Advent Mitten Tree

Collecting warm clothing for The Urban



- mitts & gloves (thicker kind - and also stretchy gloves)
- men's winter jackets (men's are especially needed) all sizes, especially L & XL.
- women's winter jackets - all sizes (small to XL)
- hoodies for men and women - all sizes (small to XL)
- winter boots with good treads for men and women
- running shoes/track shoes with good treads for men and women

New, and used in good condition, would be great!

Additionally, any non-perishable food items to help restock the pantry come January are much appreciated!

Visioning Recap

The visioning workshop with Deacon Michelle Collins that took place on October 25 was a successful exercise in imagining what Gloria Dei's future may look like. There was much positive uptake amongst those who attended, with a consensus of hope that ventured into conversations at coffee hour the next morning following worship. Ideas such as restoring our parking lot, the addition of an elevator, and the integration and reconfiguration of a sound system into the basement and crying room were among the visions discussed. It was also identified that while we value intergenerational support in central to our beliefs, we are lacking that drive in areas such as fellowship (re: coffee hour and lunches), quilting, and Urban Meal preparations. Discussions also arose pertaining to renovations in the fellowship hall, the resurrection of the Fall Supper, and making connections with the younger generations within our community.

As we continue visioning together, we hope to find ways to share our ministries and dreams while encouraging all who participate. It is informative to our church council, and makes us aware of what is needing attention, as well as ideas for future planning.