

We are glad you are worshipping with us this morning. If you are a **Visitor** we ask you to sign a Guest Card and drop it in the offering plate so we can acknowledge your visit. Join us to Worship at 11:00 am.

A **staffed nursery** is provided for children from 6 months to age two. During the offering, children from ages Preschool to Kindergarten are dismissed for Junior Church in the Board Room.

### ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Song  
Welcome & Announcements  
Advent Reading & Lighting Candle  
Worship in Song  
Scripture Reading & Prayer  
Offering  
Worship in Song  
Message  
Closing Song  
Prayer & Benediction

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### **WORSHIP TEAM:**

Rick P  
Petra P  
Simone G  
Donna J  
Jonathan M  
Reno G  
Lori N  
Hans S

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**Senior Pastor:** Rev. Mark Woods  
**Associate Pastor:** Rev. Jonathan Kroeker  
**Youth Pastor:** Ben Clouston  
**Office Administrator:** Bev Sheridan

### **SERVE ALL** LUKE 1:8-17

A servant is an \_\_\_\_\_ to someone's \_\_\_\_\_  
– Luke 1:13

A servant \_\_\_\_\_ others  
– Luke 1:14

A servant \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_  
of others  
– Luke 1:15

A servant is an \_\_\_\_\_ of  
\_\_\_\_\_  
– Luke 1:16

A servant \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord  
– Luke 1:17

### **PRAISE & PRAYER**

- **Pray for** our shut-ins: Egon U and Freda B
- **Pray for** Elsie Lewandowski who serves as a supervisor and teacher in the Field Education System for missionary children in Cameroon.
- **Pray for** Syria and other places in the world that are torn by warfare and strife, that God's peace would come to them at this Christmas time of year.
- **Tony Dunaway**, from Every Orphan's Hope, greets our congregation and reports that at EOH in Zambia they have opened the bicycle repair shop he spoke about when he was here. The young boys at EOH are learning marketable skills there as well as bringing in revenue for the orphanage.

## **FOURTH ADVENT** **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2016**

### **THIS MORNING:**

If you were to ask the founders of various religions what the most important thing about their belief system is, you would get different responses from each of them. For the Jews, Moses would tell you that God's people must follow His law to please Him and be holy. Muhammed would say that his followers must wage jihad to make all people into Muslims. The Hindu early teachers would say it is to find peace and submit to your lot in life. Buddha would tell you to embark on a life-long, never-ending search for truth. Jesus would say it is to love and serve others. Next to loving God, he told his disciples that this was the greatest thing they could do.

Jesus said that he came to this world to serve and we are to follow his example. Too often we think that being a Christian is all about getting – salvation, peace, eternal life. But we need to be reminded that the reason we were given these things is so that we can then serve. Jesus said those who are great in the kingdom of heaven are those who serve. He also said that John the Baptist was the greatest of any man. John's story is bound up in the story of Christmas and this morning we will look at this one who was born at the same time as Jesus, who was a great servant of the Most High.

**4<sup>TH</sup> ADVENT  
SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

Sunday School 9:30 am  
Coffee Time 10:30 am  
Worship 11:00 am  
Bethsaida Fellowship 1:30 pm  
Sunday School Christmas Program 6:00 pm

**COMING UP**

Dec 25 - Worship @ 11:00 am  
- Bethsaida Fellowship @ 1:30 pm

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> &  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>**

Please note we will have our regular worship services on Christmas Day and New Year's Day at 11:00 am. However there will be no Sunday School, Coffee Time or Children's Church on these two Sundays.

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED**

The Sunday School is looking for a few people who would be interested in subbing in on occasion for our regular teachers. If you are interested please see BONNIE R or NANCY P. All teachers must be approved by Council and have taken the Child Protection Training Course which will be offered again in the New Year.

**ROWANDALE BAPTIST CHURCH**

STATS FOR DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2016

ATTENDANCE ..... 262  
GENERAL OFFERING..... \$8,446.00  
WEEKLY GOAL ..... \$9,760  
GIVING TO DATE ..... \$442,167  
BUDGET TO DATE ..... \$458,720



**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>**

The SENIOR HIGH will be going to see the movie "Rouge One" at the Polo Park movie theatre, meeting there to line up for the movie at 12:30 pm (movie starts at 1:10 pm). Cost is \$9.50.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>**

The JUNIOR HIGH will be going tobogganing at the hill behind Kildonan-East Collegiate. Drop off at 1:00 pm, pick up at 3:30 pm at the C's House.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>**

During the Christmas Break the MBYM will be going to Skyzone. Drop off time is 6:00 pm at Rowandale, pick up 9:45 pm. Cost is \$15.00. Waivers must be filled out. For more details see Pastor Ben.

**Young Adults**

**YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Will resume on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am. All are welcome!

**YOUNG ADULT EVENT**

We are planning an evening in January to go to Skyzone. More details still to be confirmed.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Rowandale Winter Camp  
at Camp Nutimik  
February 10 - 12, 2017



**ANGEL TREE**

A Program of Prison Fellowship

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who so generously sponsored all 41 children whose names were on the Angel Tree for Prison Fellowship! We are so blessed that our church family is so willing to help those in need! If those participating have any questions regarding their child's name and need further instruction, please call ANDREA K.



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>**

**5:00 PM**

Please join us this Christmas Eve for the celebration of Christ's birth. Please note the change in time to 5:00 pm. There will be no Junior Church during service.

**MARRIAGE COURSE**

Calvary Temple is offering a Marriage Course for couples at any stage in their relationship. It runs for seven consecutive Wednesday date nights from January 25<sup>th</sup> to March 8<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$149.00 and includes dinner and dessert for two each evening. If interested, contact the church office for more information.



**ADVENT CORNER**

All of us have needed help at some points in our lives - a ride to the airport; help moving a piece of furniture; someone to hold the door open; an extra hand to finish wrapping a present. What if no one was willing to help out - even in little things like those? Can you imagine how ugly this world would be? Jesus came for one purpose: to serve others. At his birth, he started at the bottom and basically stayed there. He came to serve and asks us to be willing to do the same. To whom and how can you be a servant this Christmas?

**"STAR LIGHT CHRISTMAS"**

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM  
TONIGHT @ 6:00 PM**

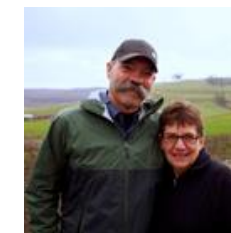
The Sunday School will be presenting their Christmas Program TONIGHT AT 6:00 PM! This is a wonderful opportunity to bring your friends and family to share in the celebration of Christ's birth. After the program we will enjoy fellowship and refreshments downstairs. If you can bring some baking to share, it would be greatly appreciated!

**STAMPS FOR BIBLES**

Please help the Canadian Bible Society provide Bibles by collecting used stamps.

**1 pound of stamps = 1 Bible**  
Leave ¼" border of paper around the entire stamp. Do not remove the paper from the stamp. Please place your used stamps in MARTIN K'S mailbox (#55). Thank you!

**MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK**



**VERN & GLORIA WAGNER  
NAB MISSIONARIES  
ROMANIA**

Vern and Gloria worked at Camp Caroline in Alberta for eight years, serving as maintenance manager and head of housekeeping. The experience they have running a camp is exactly what is needed at Camp Falcon Rock in Romania, a campground that is in the beginning phase of development. Since they've signed on to the team, all of the pieces have fallen into place for them to leave for Romania, though they are still looking for more partners to support them in their efforts. Please pray for them as they continue to raise support to move to Romania full time. Pray that God would grant them patience for His perfect timing. For more information, visit [nabonmission.org/missionaries/vern-and-gloria-wagner](http://nabonmission.org/missionaries/vern-and-gloria-wagner).

**MINISTRY OF THE WEEK**

**MCDERMOT AVE BAPTIST CHURCH  
WINNIPEG, MB  
BRIAN (MARGO) RUSSEL  
SENIOR PASTOR  
KEVIN (COLLEEN) LARIVIERE  
ASSISTANT PASTOR**