

CHARLESWOOD MENNONITE CHURCH

December 1, 2024

Sunday Seminar 9:30 am ~ Sunday School 9:45 am ~ Worship Service 10:45 am

Worship Leader: Janice Dueck

Speaker: Lisa Enns

Candlelighters: Karin & Rick Klassen

Song Leader: Emily Rempel

Storyteller: Laura Thiessen

Pianist: Caroline Klassen

Scripture Readers: Daniel De Ryck

Technician: Kent Haase

Ushers: Luke & Vaughn Rempel Snider

First Sunday of Advent

Between a Rock and a Hard Place: How do we Continue On?

WE GATHER

Prelude

Welcome & Introductions

Land Acknowledgment

Call to Worship:

Leader: Responding to the call of the living God,

People: our rescuer and Saviour,

Leader: we welcome the Holy Spirit's presence,

People: among and within us.

Leader: In the name of Jesus, our risen Lord,

All: we offer ourselves in worship.

Prayer

Advent Candlelighting

Reader 1: When we find ourselves between a rock and a hard place,
we may ask how to continue on.

Reader 2: When Daniel's persistent prayers brought him between
opposing laws of the land and the mouths of hungry lions in
a stone-covered den, despite the risk, he chose to trust
God.

Reader 1: When Jesus found himself faced with persecution and false
accusations, he chose forgiveness over self-defense.

(lighting of the First Advent candle)

*All: Our path may meander through rocky situations,
but we will hold Christ as our centre as we journey together.*

Hymn: VT 225 *We Come*

WE LISTEN

Children's Story

Hymn: VT 196 *Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom*

Scripture Reading: Daniel 6:6-27

Sermon: "Grounded Among the Lions"

WE RESPOND

Hymn: VT 619 *In the Rifted Rock I'm Resting*

Communion - *Adapted from a United Church of Canada communion liturgy written
by Rev. Andrew O'Neil, St. Paul's United Church, Riverview, NB*

Setting the Table

Congregational Response

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the one that comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

Words of Institution

Communion Prayer

Invitation & Instructions

Sharing the Bread & Cup

Concluding Prayer, with The Lord's Prayer

Reflective Prayer on Offering

Hymn: VT 212 *Comfort, Comfort, O My People*

Sharing & Prayer

WE ARE SENT

Announcements

Hymn: VT 828 *There's a Wild Hope in the Wind*

Benediction

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