

December 14, 2025

**Welcome to
Maranatha
Christian Fellowship**

“When anxiety was great within me,
your consolation brought me joy.”

Psalm 94:19



Today's Service: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Sunday School & ABC 9:30

Church Service 10:30

Call to Worship: Michael Grenier

Music Leader: James Shiels

Messenger: Pastor Ron Shiels

Sermon Title: *Christmas - When God Broke His Silence*

Sermon Text: Luke 2:1-20

Youth Programs

JUNIOR YOUTH

Tuesday 5:30 - 9:30

December 16

Christmas party!

SENIOR YOUTH

Wednesday 5:30 - 9:30

December 17

Christmas party!



Call/text Jeremy at 204-362-1699
or email jeremy.chels@gmail.com

Church Cleaning

Group 3: James & Brandi Shiels

Partners in Ministry

PARTNERS ABROAD

Voice of the Martyrs

"Bold believers advancing the kingdom in hostile and restricted nations have needs as varied as the places they minister and the persecution they face. However, they all share one need - prayer!"

Please pray for the persecuted church around the world.

PARTNERS AT HOME

Pembina Valley Bible Camp

Pray for Terry & Jill Friesen, James & Brandi Shiels and other staff as they serve at the camp. Pray for rest and inspiration as they prepare for next season.

Happy Birthday to:

Jake Giesbrecht (Dec 14)

Ron Shiels (Dec 16)

Penelope Hoffman (Dec 17)

Happy Anniversary to:

Don & Linda Hiebert (Dec 17)

Family of the Day

Mon/Tues: Herb & Joan Franz

Wed/Thur: Terry & Jill Friesen

Fri/Sat: Jake & Annie Froese

Prayer Requests

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Looking Ahead

Next Week: Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21

Sunday School & ABC (Adult Bible study & Coffee) 9:30

Church Service 10:30

Call to Worship: Connor Thiessen

Sunday School Christmas Program

December 24

Christmas Eve Pageant

Doors open at 5:30pm for hot drinks and snacks.

Pageant begins at 6:00pm.

Announcements

Pastor Ron & Sharon's 'Come n Go' Christmas Tea is today! Time is 2:30-8:00. There will be lots of finger food and sweets. Everyone is welcome!

Ladies Night: Monday, December 15, 7pm, a night of games, puzzles and a cookie exchange. Please bring a small sweet or savoury snack to share. If you are wanting to participate in the cookie exchange, please bring 5 dozen of items to exchange.

Youth Christmas Parties: Junior Youth - Tuesday, Dec 16; Senior Youth - Wednesday, Dec 17. 5:30-9:30pm. Bring a \$10 white elephant gift. We'll be eating supper, playing games, exchanging white elephant gifts, and watching a movie.

Christmas cookie sign up sheet for Christmas Eve is in the foyer. Contact Carmelle if you have questions.

Candle choreography for the Christmas pageant sign-up is coming soon! Ask Kayla for details.

Tree cutting postponed: Due to the extreme cold and some helpful feedback the tree cutting is postponed till we get kinder weather.

Check out Maranatha's new website: maranathawinkler.ca

To access Right Now Media use the following link:

<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/maranathaCF>

Sermon Notes

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Introduction

Mathew's Audience

Luke's Audience

The Angel Gabriel

- I. The First Announcement From Caesar Augustus To Everyone in the Roman World vv. 1-3
- II. The Baby in a Manger Luke 2:4-7
- III. The Second Announcement From God For Everyone in the World vv. 8-11
 - a) Made by an Angel to a small group of shepherds... vv. 8--11
"Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy for all the people. To day in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord."
 - b) The Sign
"This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." v. 12
 - c) Angel Choir
"Praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those he favours.'" vv. 13-14
 - d) The Shepherds go and they see the baby. vv. 15-16

An Appropriate Response

Amazement - 2:18 *All who heard what the Shepherds told them*

Treasure and Ponder these things - 2:19 *Mary*

Glorify and Praise God - 2:20 *The Shepherd*

Prayer

Benediction

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Church Leadership

Pastor: Ron Shiels
Associate Pastor: Peter Wiebe
Youth Pastor: Jeremy Hoffman
Elders: Dave Lepp
James Harder