# **SERMON NOTES/QUESTIONS**

#### **ADVENT EXPECTATIONS**

- 1. What does hope during the season of Advent mean for you?
- 2. How does Advent work toward preparing our hearts for Christmas and the coming of Jesus?
- 3. The Gospels show God raising up John the Baptist to prepare the hearts of the Jews for the coming of their long-awaited Messiah. It was a message of hope. What did preparation for them look like?
- 4. In what way ought we to prepare people for the hope of the Gospel?
- 5. How does the longing, yearning, expecting help us prepare for Christ's second coming?

### Please pray for our Pastors & Staff

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### **Welcome Newcomers!**

Please fill out the Connecting Card or contact the church office for prayer requests, to inform us of your contact info, or schedule a visit with one of our pastors.

Our team would love to hear from you. office@clearbrookmbchurch.ca 604-850-6607

To watch services online, go to www.clearbrookmbchurch.ca

**Worship Service 10:15am** 

Glorifying God, Building the Church, Reaching the World

#### WELCOME TO OUR ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE

Organ Prelude Doug Johnson

QUARTET Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

INVOCATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS PASTOR DENIS

HYMN #123 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

QUARTET Alleluia, He is Coming

HYMN #124 Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 2: 1-5

QUARTET A People of Hope for a World of Despair

Prayers of the People John Redekop

HYMN #404 The Solid Rock

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 24:36-44

MESSAGE ADVENT EXPECTATIONS MICHAEL SZUK

QUARTET Yet Not I But Christ in Me

BENEDICTION PASTOR FRED

## PRAISE & PRAYER

**Sig Schroeder** and **Maria Janzen** are in ARH. **Dave Dahl** is in Mission Hospital and **Elsie Falk** was discharged.

Please pray for **Ellie Bargen** as she recovers from surgery.

Pray for **Rudy Peters** as he undergoes cancer treatment.

Please pray for **Wendy & Alex Wray** (daughter of Joan Gleddie). Pray for continued strength.

Please keep **Miriam** (Scott) **Tolhurst** in your prayers as she continues her slow recovery from recent open heart surgery.

**Franz Unger** thanks the congregation for their ongoing support through prayers for health.

### **INFO & UPCOMING EVENTS**

Christmas Banquet - Dec. 5, 5:30 pm

**MCC Relief Kits** - We have a full shipping container plus more! Please sign up if you can serve at the **Bucket Packing Day** on Dec. 8, 1-4 pm at MCC on Gladys Ave. Closed-toe shoes must be worn.

CMBC Council is pleased to announce the formation of a **Finance Committee**. Members include Don Piché (Treasurer), Henry Martens, and Lori Weinreich, with Gaby Loewen (Bookkeeper) and Denis Federau (Pastor of Church Ministries) serving as *ex officio* members.

We welcome **Janna Olydam** to the staff team, as an admin assistant. Come greet her on Tuesdays!

A recording of our **90th Anniversary Celebration** is available. If you would like a DVD or USB, please contact the office. We kindly ask for \$10 to help cover production costs.

**Abbotsford Food Bank** will be featured at our next HymnSing. The Food Bank can stretch every donated dollar up to 4x further than shoppers, allowing them to purchase the items they need most. Please consider a financial gift.

### IN SYMPATHY

Our heartfelt condolences to the families of:

**Heinrich Braun** (Maria Braun) passed away November 22, **Helmut Gutknecht** passed away November 21.

May God surround each family with comfort and peace in this time of loss.