

Advent 2024 Series: He Will Be Called... Mighty God

Isaiah 9:2-7

December 1, 2024

Welcome! Let's get acquainted.

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- First time visitor
- Returning visitor
- Interested in volunteering
- Would like a pastor to call
- Would like to know more about being a Christian
- I have a prayer request

Please take this card to the Welcome Centre or fill it out online at mckernanbaptist.ca/contact

By filling out this card, you give permission to McKernan Baptist Church to contact you.

Exploring Advent?

- Advent means "arrival" and is a season of anticipation and preparation.
- Two perspectives of Advent:
 - Looking back to Jesus' first coming.
 - Looking forward to His promised return.
- Embrace a countercultural call to pause, reflect, and anticipate.

What's in a Name?

- "A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches." (Proverbs 22:1)
- The names of the Messiah reveal the fullness of who He already is.

The Mighty God That Brings Us Hope

"He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world." 1 John 4:4

- Hope in the Darkness (John 8:12).
 - Jesus is the Light of Life, shining hope into the darkest places
- Hope in the face of Oppression (Luke 4:18-19).
 - Jesus brings freedom and justice to the oppressed
- Hope when faced with an Uncertain Future (Revelation 21:3-4).
 - Jesus gives us hope for a future of peace and restoration

Reflection Questions

- December can get filled with all kinds of good events, will you make space in your "advent calendar" to pause, reflect and anticipate a coming advent?
- How has Jesus been a light in the dark areas of your life?
- What does it mean to you that Jesus, the Mighty God, identifies with the poor and oppressed?
- How does Advent shape your perspective on waiting and hope?

Welcome to McKernan Baptist Church!

We are delighted that we have this opportunity to join together with you in heartfelt worship. We aspire to be people that fulfil our calling as sisters and brothers in the Family of God as we love God and love one another. We are not perfect here; but Jesus is. By His grace, we are His church. You are welcome here.

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TOGETHER

9:00AM
11:00AM
Sunday Service Times

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BAPTIST CHURCH

THIS WEEK

TODAY, ADVENT DEVOTIONAL GUIDES are available at the Welcome Center.

TODAY, ANNUAL **CHRISTMAS CHOIR** PRACTICE, 11am-12:30pm (Chapel)
Singers of all experience levels, age 14+, are welcome to join. We rehearse in the chapel during second service and will sing in both services on December 15th. Contact Annette Martens if you have questions.

MONDAY, WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY (6-part series), 6:30-8:30pm (Hospitality)
Leslie Leyland Fields takes us on a journey through the life of Christ. Study starts at 7pm; arrive early for fellowship.

TUESDAY, TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY, 10:00am (Hospitality)

WEDNESDAY, WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY, 9:30am (Hospitality).
Everyone is welcome! Contact Jeannie for more info (ljbuyer@shaw.ca).

WEDNESDAY, MELL, 6:15pm (Supper); 7pm (Hospitality)

WEDNESDAY, ABOUND, 6:15pm (Supper); 7pm (Class, in the Chapel)
Visit mckernanbaptist.ca/events for details on upcoming studies. This week, Andrea Schroth leads our class, "Being real with God." Registration is required, mckernanbaptist.ca/abound/.

THURSDAY, WOMEN'S **CHRISTMAS GALA** POTLUCK, 6:30pm (Hospitality)
Come enjoy a beautiful night out with the ladies. Marnie Mrazik, the Director of Community Life from Terwillegar Community Church (TCC), will be sharing with us a message on how the parable of the sower can prepare us for Christmas. Registration is required, mckernanbaptist.ca/WMChristmasGala/.

FRIDAY, YOUNG AT HEART POTLUCK BRUNCH, 9:30am (Hospitality)
Bring a brunch item to share (hashbrowns, breads, muffins, bagels, fruit etc). Ham and eggs will be provided). Sasha Lushchuk will be our speaker.

FRIDAY, DAYBREAK, 9:30-11:30am (Downstairs)
Informal drop-in for parents with preschoolers. For info, email Pastor Jerilyn, jerilyn@mckernanbaptist.ca/.

MINISTRY PARTNER OF THE WEEK,

Missions Fest Alberta (Read more in our online [Outreach magazine](#), p17)

Missions Fest Alberta is all about Jesus Christ and His passion for the lost. "Find Your Purpose; Make a Difference" is the Mission Statement of Missions Fest Alberta (MFA). Our goal is to help individuals find the place where their interests and abilities can best be used around the world. Our Purpose is to inform and celebrate what God is doing all over the world; to educate Christians about their responsibility and involvement in world evangelization and missions; to challenge believers to pray, give, send, and go.

We plan an annual 3-day family-oriented missions conference in Edmonton. These conferences have played an important role in bringing life-changing experiences to many people. Please pray for this event:

- That seeds planted will grow
- That participants would benefit from safe travel and prayer/financial support
- That MFA be discerning in the organization of this event

Prayer is the most important part of this ministry. Please pray with us:

- For the salvation of millions still in need of Jesus
- The sending of labourers from this region
- That missionaries living amongst the unreached would exhibit sensitivity and find favour with the nationals
- For brothers and sisters that suffer daily persecution

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FRIDAY, YA STUDY SPACE, 1pm-4:30pm (Hospitality)

FRIDAY, UKRAINIAN BIBLE STUDY, 7pm (Chapel)
Ukrainian worship service with English translation available. All are welcome.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DEC 14, YOUNG ADULTS CHRISTMAS, 7pm (Hospitality)

DEC 15, CAROL SING, 6-9pm (Ellerslie Baptist Church, 10603 Ellerslie Road SW)
This Sunday is the 1st Sunday of Advent, which means the busy-ness of the Christmas season is soon upon us! For an opportunity to reflect, sing, and enjoy the fellowship of other believers, you are invited to attend our Carol Sing. Please bring Christmas baking to share.

DEC 17, BLUE CHRISTMAS, 7pm (Hospitality)

DEC 19, PICKLEBALL ROUND ROBIN, EVP Centre (9455 45 Ave NW), 9-11am
Registration is required. Details at, mckernanbaptist.ca/Events/.

HANDS AT WORK FUNDRAISER (NOV 3 - DEC 1)

This is the last day for our "Hands at Work" fundraiser, supporting vulnerable children in K-block village in Zambia. Children's Ministry has been learning about them have been challenged to contribute. *You too can become involved by visiting the table by the mission board in the foyer, and chatting with the HAW representative there.*

FRIENDS FOR CHRISTMAS DINNER

Make a lasting difference here and overseas through the simple act of inviting an international student for dinner at Christmas time. Through friendsfordinner.ca or f4d.ca, Christians can offer friendship and hospitality by welcoming international students into their homes and sharing the true meaning of Christmas. Sign up today! **Deadline to register is Dec 14.** Talk to Gary Short (city Director for ISMC) in the lobby for more information.

Visit mckernanbaptist.ca/giving for online giving options.

General Operating Budget 2024-2025	\$2,096,700
Received as of November 27	110,603
Amount needed each month	174,725
Balance to the end of November	(64,122)
Missions Budget 2024-2025	\$249,500
Received as of November 27	12,282
Amount needed each month	20,792
Balance to the end of November	(8,510)

Thank you for your generosity and continued support of our mission and ministry! In-person giving is available. You can deposit your gift in the offering plate or use the debit machine at the Welcome Centre. You may also do e-transfers or pre-authorized debit from your bank.

PRAYER ITEMS

- For Pastor Lyle.
- For the Pastoral Staff as they spend some time away together this week.
- End of Semester, pray for Students and mental health concerns.
- For general pastoral care.
- For those who've experienced loss recently.
- For our Ministry Partner of the Week, Missions Fest Alberta (MFA).

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- **OPERATIONS MANAGER**
Details online, mckernanbaptist.ca/Employment/
- **SOUND/TECH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**
Contact Pastor Dave, (Dave@mckernanbaptist.ca) or Snow (tech@mckernanbaptist.ca)

NEW HERE?

Please stop by the Welcome Centre after the service to learn more about our church, receive a gift, and fill out a Connection Card so that we can help you get connected.

CONNECT WITH US

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