

## CONNECTING TO CROSSROADS

Crossroads is *a place where God and people meet*. Wherever you are at in your faith journey, we are glad that you have joined us. On Sundays we come together as a larger community to express our worship to God as we also listen to what he has to say to us through the Bible. During the week we gather in smaller groups at various times and places to care for one another as we share life and faith together. Between these times, we represent God among the people with whom we live in our homes, neighbourhoods, and workplaces.

We pray that you will experience the presence of God and the care of God's people as we spend time together. May the decisions you make today help you reflect more and more the character of God and the person God has made you to be. If you would like information on how to get more connected with our community, please talk to an usher

## CONNECTING TO CHRIST

How does a person become a Christian?

- By *believing* that Jesus, God's son, died for your sins and rose again
- By *acknowledging* your need, *accepting* God's forgiveness, *turning* away from your sins, and *heading* in Christ's direction
- By *making* Jesus the Saviour and Lord of your life
- By *publicly* declaring your commitment to Christ

You can do this by praying like this:

*"Oh God, I acknowledge that I have sinned against you. I am sorry for my sins and am willing to turn away from them. I now receive Jesus Christ as my Saviour and Lord of my life. From this moment on I will live for him.  
In Jesus' name, amen."*

And then tell someone about it. Tell a pastor or one or two close friends. It will help seal this act of faith in your mind and heart and help you know how to take some of the first steps of faith after.



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## WELCOME TO CROSSROADS MB CHURCH JANUARY 8, 2023

*“Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.  
Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.  
The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.*

*May the LORD give strength to his people!  
May the LORD bless his people with peace!”*

*Psalm 29:1-2, 10-11*

### ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome & Call to Worship	Joe Welty
Worship in Song	
Congregational Prayer	Joe Welty
Children’s Feature	
Scripture Reading	<i>Hebrews 11:1-16</i>
Message	<i>“Hope”</i> Joe Welty
Worship in Song	
Announcements and Lord’s Prayer	

*\*Please note that Crossroads Sunday worship services  
now live, recorded and posted on-line.*

*\*Crossroads strives to be a scent-reduced environment*

### CROSSROADS INFORMATION

Information for this Sunday morning, January 8 at 10:00am:

You are invited to participate in Crossroads service either on-line or in-person.

**In-person**—We welcome you to 231 Kitson at 10:00am. Masks suggested.

**On-line**—Crossroads worship service will be livestreamed at 10:00am and can also be viewed anytime on Youtube.com. Search for ‘CrossroadsMB Wpg’.

**Sunday School classes for ages 2 through youth begin at 11:15am.**

Crossroads Christmas Project donations in December totaled \$1,980.00 for Safe Families Winnipeg. Cassidy says, “I am so thankful to have been given the opportunity to speak, it was truly a blessing. Thank you so much for opening up your church to me!”

Crossroads-Thank you for your food donations to Living Word Temple Food Pantry. They have sent us a Thank You card which is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

The Offering Basket is located at the front of the sanctuary on the stage stairs. You are welcome to drop your offering in the tall wicker basket before/after the church service.

Options for donating Electronically to Crossroads:

- Bank e-transfers
- Through auto bank for monthly giving
- Through Canada Helps—see link on the church website: crossroadsmb.ca

Introducing Canadian MB's Monthly Prayer Focus (replaces January's annual Prayer Focus)

The National Faith and Life Team is introducing a prayer focus that flows through all of 2023. It will be available on the first day of each month via email and social media. It will also be included in the *MB Herald*. "Our prayer focus for 2023 will be on the theme of "Holy Spirit—Fill Us!" and will involve prayers for God's filling us with the Holy Spirit so that we can participate in God's mission in the world. Please join us across our national MB family as we pray for the Holy Spirit to fill us in 2023!" (MB Herald, Jan. 1, 2023)

Prayers from this monthly guide will be included in Crossroads Prayer Bulletin the first or second Sunday of each month. For January, 2023...

**Pray words of invitation and welcome to the Holy Spirit for your own heart:**

- *Welcome Holy Spirit! Come and fill me today!*
- *Welcome Holy Spirit! Wash over me and flood my interior life with the presence of Jesus!*
- *Welcome Holy Spirit! Fill me with the loving power of Jesus!*
- *Welcome Holy Spirit! Fill me with passion for the purposes of Jesus!*

**Pray words of invitation and welcome to the Holy Spirit for your church family:**

- *Welcome Holy Spirit! Come and fill our church today!*
- *Welcome Holy Spirit! Wash over our church and flood our lives with the presence of Jesus!*
- *Welcome Holy Spirit! Fill our church with the loving power of Jesus!*
- *Welcome Holy Spirit! Fill our church with passion for the purposes of Jesus!*

**Did you know MBCI now offers Grade 5—12?** Viewbooks for information are available on the foyer countertop. MBCI open house is January 24 at 6:30pm.

**You are invited to watch a play** of the story of how Chief Vincent Yellow Old Woman is forced as a child into residential school. He is able to reclaim his Blackfoot traditional way of life to eventually become chief of his people. This is a play about reconciliation celebrating Blackfoot history and traditions through poetry, music, contemporary and traditional dance. Date: Sunday, February 19 at 7:00pm at MBCI-Jubilee Place. 173 Talbot, Winnipeg. Tickets are \$10 plus fees. More info is available at [www.mennochurch.mb.ca/newblood](http://www.mennochurch.mb.ca/newblood). Sponsored by Mennonite Coalition for Indigenous Solidarity (MCIS), Mennonite Church Manitoba, and MCC Manitoba.

**Visit CMU** - The next CMU Campus Visit Day takes place on February 3, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Enjoy a tour of the campus, meetings with professors and current students, a financial aid presentation, opportunities to ask questions, and a treat from folio café! Visit [cmu.ca/campusvisit](http://cmu.ca/campusvisit).

**Hold in Common** – Join us for the first virtual gathering of the CMU Hold in Common project, a candid look at the place CMU and other institutions have in today's society. Share your perspectives—your hopes and your misgivings—on what's at stake with institutions that are shared and held collectively by diverse, grassroots communities. Whether you are closely invested or more distantly connected to CMU, you are welcome. Monday, January 16, 7:00-8:30 PM (CST). Details at [cmu.ca/holdincommon](http://cmu.ca/holdincommon).

**Mathematics for Human Flourishing: A Public Lecture** with Dr. Francis Su – How can mathematics connect to our deepest human longings, such as for beauty, truth, or justice? Math is a deeply human enterprise that when properly engaged builds virtues like persistence, creativity, and an expectation of enchantment. Public lecture, Thursday, February 2 at 7:00 PM at CMU. Visit [cmu.ca/sir](http://cmu.ca/sir) for details and livestream.

**Join an MCC team!** MCC Canada is hiring in donor engagement, HR and administration. Visit [mccmb.ca/openings](http://mccmb.ca/openings) for more information and to apply. Kildonan MCC Thrift Shop is accepting applications for a Chief Operating Officer. Email to request an application package. Application deadline is January 31, and the expected start date is May 2023.

**Looking for a change of scenery?** Want to experience something new, be stretched and grow in yourself and your skills? Apply for SALT! SALT is a year-long cross-cultural service experience for Christian young adults ages 18-30, from Canada and the United States. Explore international opportunities in fields such as education, agriculture, healthcare, community development and more! Visit [mccmb.ca/salt](http://mccmb.ca/salt) for more information and a chance to win \$500!

**Opportunity for university students!** Join MCC's Peace & Justice Office in Ottawa to learn about what it means to be *Rooted in Right Relationship: With one another and creation*. We are returning to our in-person student seminar in Ottawa from March 9-11, with fantastic opportunities to learn and engage with other students, MCC partners, parliamentarians, and civil society actors. Travel subsidies are available, apply soon to secure your spot! Visit [mccmb.ca/events](http://mccmb.ca/events) for information and to apply by February 14, 2023.