

Final Sermon Series Message: Theology
Christmas One, December 28, 2014
Sermon Series: Your Beauty Is Revealed

Focus Statement: Seeing the child, we respond join with all creation in adoration and praise.

Karen Lichlyter-Klein

Visiting Preacher

Worship Leader: Sharon Baker

Song Leader: Don Graber

We Gather

Announcements

Joys and Concerns

Karen Lichlyter-Klein

Time of Quieting

Welcome

Call to Worship

Worship Leader and Congregation

(adapted from Luke 2 and Psalm 148)

Leader: Come, let us worship in faith the God who is here and desires our worship *[pause]*. Incarnate God, work in our hearts, that our worship would be filled with the joy that comes from remembering your beauty.

All: *In a little child, God is revealed to us.*

Leader: This is God's plan of freedom, held up for the nations to see.

People: *A revealing light to all peoples, the glory of God's kingdom people.*

Leader: We rejoice in our rescue and celebrate creation's redemption.

People: *The hills and the mountains praise the Lord.*

Leader: The animals, wild and tame, all kings and peoples of the earth; lightning and

hail, snow and fog, women and men, old and young,

All: *All praise the Lord together, our Messiah has come. Alleluia!*

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Opening Prayer

Worship Leader

Gathering Hymns

Don Graber

Prayer of Confession

Worship Leader and Congregation

Leader: O Lord, we confess our joy in you. We cannot keep silent.

People: *You came to live among us and have brought us salvation.*

Leader: Your salvation is for all peoples, all cultures, all religious communities, all humanity.

People: *Because you gave us a new name and have declared us beautiful, we cannot keep silent.*

Leader: When the time was right, God sent us his Son.

People: *Let us praise the Lord for drawing near to us, for coming among us.*

Leader: Come, young and old, male and female, all God's people. Let us praise God together.

All: Our hearts are brimming with the Spirit of God. God's salvation is for all peoples. We will not keep silent!

We Grow In Worship

Moments with Children

Rae Shellenberger

Guiding Scripture

Luke 2:22-40

Worship Leader

Proclaiming in Song

Don Graber

Sermon

"New Meets Old"

Karen Lichlyter-Klein

We Go Out to Serve

Offering and Advent Project: Donation

Worship Leader

Sending Song

Don Graber

Sending Prayer

Karen Lichlyter-Klein

Your worship service today was planned by the MCMC Worship Commission.

Events Calendar

Tuesday's	1 st & 3 rd , Prayer Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at D. Brenneman's
Friday's	Women's Bible Study, 0930-1130. Contact Rae for info.
Saturday's	Men's Coffee- Saturday@6:30 AM Breakfast at Serrano's
Wednesday	Elder's Board Meeting@12:30 on December 31 st .
Sunday	Annual Business Meeting on January 25 th

Announcements

MCMC Financial Update: To achieve the proposed 2014 budget of \$70,288, donations of \$1352 are needed per week. Last week's donations were \$XXXX.XX. MCMC needs additional money to achieve the 2014 budget by December 31st. Remember, any money given as a donation to MCMC may be used as a tax deduction for 2014!

- **Contributions for the Tri-Lakes Cares food drive continue to come in steadily. THANKS AGAIN FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!**

TLC's top 6 items requested for the month of December are as follows:

- Dry Stuffing Mix – bags or boxes
- Gravy – canned, jars, or mixes
- Boxed Potatoes
- Canned Yams – large cans
- Cranberry Sauce – jellied or whole
- Cream of Mushroom Soup

Please leave your donations in the black plastic tub in the upstairs church lobby. Thanks so much for continuing to help out our neighbors! – Joan Murphy

- **Don't forget any clothes/\$5.00 gift cards for More Than a Meal.**

Convention registration opens Jan. 15, 2015. Next summer may seem far away, but the Mennonite Church USA convention in Kansas City, June 30-July 5, 2015, will be here before you know it. Visit the convention website for all the latest news and to register beginning Jan. 15, 2015:
www.MennoniteUSA.org/convention.

If you are interested in being a convention delegate, please contact Paul by January 10th.

- January 25th Final Congregational Discernment and Key Priorities Decision Meeting (Annual Business Meeting)

Discovery Hour Study

Starting Jan. 4 we plan to begin a 6 session (approximate) series of topics related to end of life planning. While we did a related study when we looked at the book Final Gifts, this study will include some of the following topics: Alternatives to traditional burial, Necessary family conversations, Selecting persons for medical and financial powers of attorney, Document preparation, etc. We will work together to complete many of the documents which will direct activities in our behalf after our death. We will be using the study guide recently developed by Everence for this purpose. **In order for us to estimate the number of study packets to prepare, we need for you to let us know of your intent to participate in this study by not later than Dec. 28.** Any of you who have already completed your final directives are welcome to attend as well. Your experience will be useful in our learning.

Contact Teresa Barnes or Gayle Preheim who will be co-facilitating this class

Tear Here – Return to the Altar at Offering Time

Joys, Concerns and Prayers for Peace

I would like prayer for: _____

I have a joy: _____

Elders Pray
 Congregational Prayer
 Keep Confidential Name : _____ (Not Required)