



**Final Sermon Series Message: Theology**  
**Christmas One, January 4, 2015**  
**Sermon Series: Journey to the New (You)!**

With the arrival of the magi in Bethlehem we see yet another promise of God coming to fulfillment. Isaiah said, "Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn." Magi come from the East to discover the mystery. They see it revealed in the face of a child.

**Focus Statement: God's gift of grace empowers the church and invites all peoples.**

**Paul Johnson**

Worship Leader: Sharon Baker

**Transitional Pastor**

Song Leader: Lynn Roth

**We Gather**

**Announcements**

**Joys and Concerns**

Paul Johnson

**Time of Quietening**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

**Worship Leader and Congregation**

*(adapted from Ephesians 3))*

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 awe that comes from remembering your saving mystery.

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

Leader: The mystery, kept hidden in ages past, has been made known.

**People: We, who were once outsiders, now share in the inheritance.**

**Through the gospel of Christ Jesus, our Lord. God's gift of grace is a gift to be received by all.**

**All: *In thankfulness we treasure the immeasurable riches of Christ.***

Opening Prayer

Worship Leader

Gathering Hymns

Lynn Roth

**Prayer of Confession**

**Worship Leader and Congregation**

Leader: The glory of the Lord has risen; the Light of God has come.

**People: So grace is our rich inheritance, more precious than gold, frankincense or myrrh.**

**All: *We praise you, O God, for revealing your saving mystery. We will proclaim your promise with gratitude.***

**We Grow In Worship**

Moments with Children

Rae Shellenberger

Guiding Scripture

Isaiah 60: 1 - 5

Worship Leader

Matthew 2: 1 - 12

Proclaiming in Song

Lynn Roth

Sermon

"Brilliant!"

Paul Johnson

**We Go Out to Serve**

Offering and Advent Project: Donation

Worship Leader

Sending Song

Lynn Roth

Sending Prayer

Paul Johnson

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

*Events Calendar*

Tuesday's	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 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
Tuesday	Worship Commission Meeting! 5:30 p.m. on January 13 <sup>th</sup>
Wednesday	Elder's Board Meeting @ 12:00 on January 14 <sup>th</sup>
Wednesday	Program Cabinet Meeting @ 5:30 on January 14 <sup>th</sup>
Sunday	Annual Business Meeting on January 25 <sup>th</sup> , 10:45 meeting, 12:15 Share a Meal

*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 \$2141.00. With a final donation to be received, MCMC will end 2014 in the positive!!**

**Through the generous donations of MCMC, Heifer International received \$565.42. That is enough for a cow and several flocks of chickens, or ducks, or geese!!! Holy Quackers!!! What a moooovelous donation!!**

- **Don't forget any clothes/\$5.00 gift cards for More Than a Meal.** It is cold out and any warm clothing or gift cards which could assist in getting a warm meal would be greatly appreciated.

**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](http://www.MennoniteUSA.org/convention).

**If you are interested in being a convention delegate, please contact Paul by January 10<sup>th</sup>.**

- January 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**Tear Here – Return to the Altar at Offering Time**

**Joys, Concerns and Prayers for Peace**

**I would like prayer for:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**I have a joy:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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