

Mountain Community Mennonite Church  
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**Sunday, November 27, 2016**

Join Us – We share God’s love by: Following Jesus,  
Reconciling Community and Building Peace

**Advent Theme: “Great Expectations”**  
**God’s peace is at hand. Come, walk in the way of**  
**God’s heart.**

**9:15am** *Gathering for Worship*

**9:30am** *Worship Begins*

**11:10am** *Discovery Hour*

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Silver Key - Golden Circle Nutrition Program

Senior Lunch in the Sanctuary

12:00-12:30pm Monday-Friday

Reservations (719) 884-2304 Before 5:00am

Mountain Community Senior Services (719) 488-0076

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

**Sermon downloads available at <http://mcmcpl.org>**

**Order of Service**

**Speaker** Amy Zimbelman

**Worship Leader** Dan Thiessen

**Song Leader** Dennis Book

**1st Sunday of Advent**

**We Gather**

**Welcome**

**Announcements**

**Time of Quieting**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: In the nighttime of despair, we are filled with doubt.

**People: We are overwhelmed with busyness and the  
compulsion to do. We have lost our way.**

Leader: The night is almost over. We are emerging from our  
doubt.

**People: O God, show us the way of Your heart.**

Leader: Come quickly, to show us.

**ALL: The dawn is nigh. Show us the way.**



**Candlelighting**

**STS 316 “Peace Before Us”**

**Praising**

**The Advent Witness 1: Psalm 122**

**Opening Prayer**

**Opening Hymns**

**Prayers of the People and Sharing the Grace**

**Congregational Hymns**

**Offering and Prayer**

**Prayer of Confession**

Leader: God of peace,

**People: We yearn to walk in Your way but often choose our  
own path of turmoil and pain. Save us, Lord, from the  
pride and foolishness of choosing our own course, that  
we may humbly and confidently follow Your lead,  
through Jesus Christ, Amen.**

**Words of Assurance**

Leader: Throughout the tumult of life, God holds you close in  
love. Rejoice, because God’s wisdom is your guide,  
God’s compassion is your strength, God’s love is your  
redemption.

**ALL: Come, let us walk in the way of God’s heart!**

**Song**

**STS 17 Alleluia**

**Hearing God’s Word**

**Children’s Church**

**Rae Shellenberger**

**Scriptures**

**Isaiah 2:1-5 and Romans 13:11-14**

**Sermon**

**“A Season of Urgent Patience”**

**We Go Out to Serve**

**Sending Song HWB 178 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

**Sending Prayer**

Leader: Come! Walk in the ways of God’s heart. The dawn  
is breaking! Christ is coming to free us from  
despair. He will show us the way.

**\*\*Scriptures to assist in preparing for Advent:**

*Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Matthew 3:1-12; Romans  
15:4-13*

## Sermon Notes/Discussion Questions



“That’s the paradox of this season, and maybe the paradox of much of our Christian lives -- to live in this space of urgency and patience at the same time.” Where in your life/faith journey have you felt this tension?

“Mary’s urgent patience of pregnancy puts her in a vulnerable place -- physically, emotionally, spiritually ... but love and peace are always inherently vulnerable.” What can we learn from Mary’s vulnerability?

This Advent season, what practices might help you find a space of hope and expectation?

## Birthdays and Anniversaries



3 Paul Johnson

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## Ongoing Events



- Pastoral office hours: Pastor Paul will be in the office Tuesday, Nov. 29 and Thursday, Dec. 1; Pastor Amy will also have office hours on Tuesday, Nov. 29. Please call for appointments as needed.

- MCMC Advent Bible study begins Tuesday, Nov. 29 from 5-6pm. Light snacks will be served – please join us at MCMC on Tuesday evenings throughout the month of December as we prepare our hearts to celebrate Jesus’ birth and anticipate the coming of His Kingdom.
- Women’s Bible Study 9:30-11:30am Fridays. Contact Rae Shellenberger at 719.213.6931.
- Men’s Coffee each Saturday at 7am at Serrano’s.
- “More than a Meal Ministries” 8am Saturdays at Legacy Wesleyan Church, 502 N. Walnut St., Colorado Springs, CO 80905.



## Upcoming Special Events

**Village Seven Presbyterian Church** is hosting two performances of Handel’s *Messiah*. Sat., Dec. 3, is an abbreviated, child-friendly recital and Sun., Dec. 4 is a performance of the full *Messiah* with 130-voice Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra and special soloists. Admission is complimentary; a free-will offering will be received. Bring canned goods to benefit Mercy’s Gate Food Pantry.

**Christmas Tea for MCSS drivers** will be held at MCMC on Tuesday, December 6 from 4-6pm. Prep begins at 2pm for those helping.

**Take chances. Make mistakes. Get messy. Be challenged.** Learn some things. Teach some things. Spend a year living somewhere that you never dreamed you'd go... Start now at [salt.mcc.org](http://salt.mcc.org), find answers to frequently asked questions, assignment options and apply! Contact [sharonnelson@mcc.org](mailto:sharonnelson@mcc.org) for more information.



## Announcements

**You are invited to a Birthday Open House for Mona Bebe King**, Sunday, Dec. 4 from 2:00-4:00pm at Beth-El Mennonite. Mona turns 90 on Nov. 25! If you are unable to come, you may send a card or email. Thanks!

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**For the safety of our children**, the front/main MCMC door will be locked after service begins, and any children going outside will need to be accompanied by an adult. The sanctuary will be accessible during the service through the northwest entrance from the ramp walkway.



## Opportunities to Help

**From the Brenneman family:** We are thankful for the food that has been brought to us spontaneously, for the gift cards and for the anonymous donations to Jordan's fund through MCMC’s sharing fund. As most of you know, Jordan is home from Craig Hospital, staying with Clair & Faye Brenneman for long-term recovery. Ann Perschbacher is arranging one meal a week (to serve five) and collecting gift cards for gas/groceries from Safeway/King Soopers for Jordan’s caregivers. Please see her after worship or call 719-481-4413 if you’d like to help.