

Mountain Community Mennonite Church  
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**Sunday, December 11, 2016**

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

**Great Expectations**

God’s healing is at hand.

Come, walk in the way of God’s heart.

**Focus verse: “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them” (Matthew 11:4).**

**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 Sanctuary 12:00-12:30pm Mon-Fri

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

Mountain Community Senior Services (719) 488-0076

*Worship service planned by MCMC Worship Commission*

**Order of Service**

**Speaker** Amy Zimbelman

**Worship Leader** Gayle Preheim

**Song Leader** Judy Thiessen

**3rd Sunday of Advent**

**We Gather**

**Welcome**

**Announcements**

**Time of Quieting**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: In the nighttime of sorrow, we become impatient  
and lose hope.

**People: Our joy disappears, and our songs become silent.  
We forget the truth that God will restore all of  
creation.**

**ALL: Come! Walk in the way of God’s heart!**



**Candlelighting**

**Ella Mortensen**

**STS 316 “Peace Before Us”**

**Special Music**

**Quartet**

**“Helpless and Hungry/What Child is This?”**

**Praising**

**Opening Prayer**

**Opening Hymns**

**HWB #110 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing  
HWB #184 Hark! The glad sound!**

**Prayers of the People & Sharing the Graces**

**Advent Witness 3: Psalm 146:5-10 and Luke 1:47-55**

**Dennis Book & Amy Zimbelman**

**Congregational Hymns**

**HWB #176 Comfort, comfort O my people**

**HWB #195 It came upon a midnight clear**

**Offering and Prayer**

**Prayer of Confession**

Leader: God of healing,

**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!**

**Hearing God’s Word**

**Children’s Church**

**Rae Shellenberger**

**Scriptures**

**Psalm 146: 5-10; Matthew 11:2-11**

**Sermon**

**“An Unexpected Site of Healing”**

**We Go Out to Serve**

**Sending Song HWB #181 My soul proclaims with wonder  
Sending Prayer**

Scriptures to assist you in preparing for Advent: Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Matthew 1:18-25; Romans 1:1-7

### Sermon Notes



When have you (or someone you know) experienced healing in an unexpected way?

Being “cured” and “healed” can be the same, but are often not. Is this distinction familiar to you?

Wendell Berry says: “The smallest unit of health is the community, not the individual. To speak of the health of an isolated individual is a contradiction in terms.” Do you agree with this? Where have you seen this played out?

Sermon downloads available: <http://mcmcp.org>



### Birthdays and Anniversaries

20 Terri Inloes      21 Rick Shellenberger      24 Linda Pankratz

### Ongoing Events



- Pastor Paul will be in the office Tuesday and Friday this week. Please call for appointments.
- MCMC Advent Bible study Tuesdays 5-6pm. Light snacks served. Please join us!
- 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

- **Save the Date!! December 18 is our annual Christmas brunch at 11am.** Bring a special Christmas dish and invite your neighbors! At 12:30, we will leave the church to carol at the homes of Don & Marilyn Brenneman and Marti Hampton. Bring cookies to deliver to Marti and the Brennemens as we sing in the season for them!
- **Christmas Eve service at 6:30pm Sat., Dec. 24** -- wassail and cookies to follow. Please come, **bring cookies or goodies**, and invite your family & neighbors!
- **Christmas Day Sunday** service will be at our usual 9:30am gathering time.
- **There will be an ordination service for Theda Good, today, Dec. 11 at 3:00pm at First Mennonite in Denver.** We look forward to a meaningful service, and appreciate your faithful support.
- **All are invited to Palmer Lake’s Yule Log Celebration today, 1:30pm at the Town Hall!** Pastor Paul will be giving the blessing.

### Announcements

**MSMC is much like a mosaic**—a recombining of shards of tile into patterns which create a beautiful visual record or portrait of a person, designs and symbols. However, it is the unglamorous part—the bonding and grout that hold the pieces in place—that really make an organization like MSMC function like a mosaic. It is the various colors and hues of our

congregations that combine to create the visible part of our conference. Please read the "We are..." flier (MCMC will distribute fliers upon receipt from MSMC) that describes pieces that come together to make MSMC a living mosaic. We also invite your financial support. Ways to give:

1. Donate online at [www.mountainstatesmc.org](http://www.mountainstatesmc.org) using the “donate” button.
  2. Automatic donation through your bank’s online bill-pay system.
  3. Automatic bank withdrawal through Everence Financial\*.
  4. Check payable to Mountain States Mennonite Conference, mailed to 430 W. 9th Ave, Denver, CO 80204.
- \*Contact the MSMC treasurer for help with setting up an automatic bank withdrawal: [treasurer@MountainStatesMC.org](mailto:treasurer@MountainStatesMC.org)

**The Ministerial Council** works to deepen spiritual relationships across MSMC by having conversations with each church leader/pastor called to serve a congregation (ministerial credentialing process) and by offering these leaders thoughts for how to deepen their ministry. The SEED Project pays attention to new ideas bubbling up in our conference as they Seek, Explore, Encourage, and Work to Develop vital churches. They are looking for people with open minds and vision for new ways of doing and being church. We encourage you to submit names of folks who you think might serve well on one of these groups. Self-nominations also welcome. Send names to Karen Martin [administrator@MountainStatesMC.org](mailto:administrator@MountainStatesMC.org) by Dec. 12th.



### Opportunities to Help

**Watch for three gift boxes by the Christmas tree!** Outreach Commission is asking you to open your hearts to these special offerings, helping two seniors, two young girls and one family in recovery following a tragic accident. Please consider giving to one of these causes for a brighter Christmas.

**As you Christmas shop**, please note colorful flyers on entry & sanctuary bulletin boards with MCC’s Christmas Wish List.