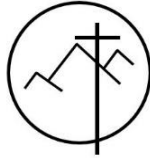


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Sunday, December 03, 2017

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

**“We are a new creation in Christ - leading us in the
ministry of peace and reconciliation.” 2 Corinthians 5**

Sermon Series: Simply Jesus

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 Mon-Fri

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://mcmcp.org>

Order of Service

Speaker **Amy Zimbelman**

Worship Leader **Alex Hernandez-Siegel**

Song Leader **Judy Thiessen**

Focus Statement

“Simplified living is about more than doing less. It’s being who God called us to be, with a wholehearted, single-minded focus. It’s walking away from innumerable lesser opportunities in favor of the few to which we’ve been called for which we’ve been created.” — Bill Hybels

We Gather

Welcome

Announcements

Time of Quieting

Call to Worship

Leader: Awake! The invitation to carry light comes from the God of trembling mountains and shaking foundations.

All: O God, Your expectations terrify us. How can our small selves hold Your blazing presence?

(pause for silence)

Leader: Quiet our questioning souls.

All: Lead us beyond our resistance. Let it be.

Lighting of Advent Candle **Luke Mortensen**

We Grow in Worship

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymns

Sing the Story #1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness
HWB #16 God is here among us

Prayers of the People and Sharing the Grace

Congregational Hymns

HWB #175 O Savior, rend the heavens

HWB #393 A charge to keep I have

Offering and Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Leader: In a world full of distractions, it is hard for us to focus on what matters.

People: Forgive us, Jesus.

Leader: In a time when we are called to move, it is hard for us to receive change well.

People: Forgive us, Jesus.

Leader: In a season of busyness, it is hard for us to keep it simple.

People: Forgive us, Jesus.

(pause for silence)

Words of Assurance

Leader: Jesus, Emmanuel, You have come among us and shown us the way to God. We long to follow You wherever You may lead us. May we be simple-minded in our love for You this Advent, that we may have life. Amen.

Advent Witness

Scriptures **Psalm 80:1-7; 17-19; Mark 13:24-37**

Sermon **“A Simple-Minded Christmas”**

We Go Out to Serve

Sending Song (handout) 'Tis the Gift to be Simple

Sending Prayer

Sermon Notes

“Discipleship is a process of doing what you can presently do, so that eventually you can do what you cannot presently do.” What are some examples of this you’ve experienced in your own life or the lives of others you know?

John Michael Talbot says: “The world keeps us occupied with the superficial at the expense of the meaningful.” Is there anything you’d like to let go of this Advent season to have time for something more meaningful?



Birthdays

Anniversaries

3 Paul Johnson

10 Joseph Liew

20 Terri Inloes

21 Rick Shellenberger

24 Linda Pankratz

Ongoing Events

- Pastor Paul’s office hours will be Monday, and Pastor Amy will be available Tuesday. For appointments, please call Pastor Paul (cell 720-880-8773) or Pastor Amy (cell 719-985-7649).
- Women’s Bible Study 9:30-11:30am Fridays. Contact Rae Shellenberger at 719.213.6931.
- Men’s Coffee Saturdays at 7am at Serrano’s.

Upcoming Special Events

Thrill to the beloved classics of Christmas presented in “Repeat the Sounding Joy” by the 100-voice Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra and Sanctuary Bells, TONIGHT, Dec. 3 at 6pm at

Village Seven Presbyterian Church in Colorado Springs.

Childcare provided for children birth-3 years. Please bring canned goods benefiting Mercy's Gate Food Pantry.

You are invited to an Advent retreat hosted by Anabaptist Fellowship of Alamosa, Dec. 9-10.

Theme: "Listening for the Coming..."

Date: Begins at 3pm Saturday, December 9; wraps up around 6pm, followed by dinner and singing.

Location: Alamosa Presbyterian Church (AFA's worship location). Worship with AFA at 10:30am Sun., December 10.

Cost: \$10 suggested (food); bring seasonal goodies to share. Find accommodations or contact Alice Price,

aliceprice1950@gmail.com for info and details. Please RSVP to Alice by December 6 (for meal planning). Take in a

Handel’s *Messiah* concert Friday evening at Adams State University or a performance Sunday afternoon at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. (Some local Mennos perform in Friday’s concert).

Join the celebration of Las Posadas Friday, Dec. 15 at the Marian House, 14 E. Bijou, Colorado Springs. Every Christmas season this is an opportunity to tell our immigrant neighbors that they are welcome, and to recreate the long-ago search of a Middle Eastern couple for a place of refuge. The procession is at 6pm followed by food, music, and traditional folkloric dancing at 7pm! This event is free, but please RSVP to Corey Almond at 719-866-6510 so that we can plan for food. Donations help Catholic Charities serve immigrant clients.



Announcements

Please talk with Karen Mortensen if you prefer not to have your birthday (month/day only, not year 😊) listed in the church calendar which is available online at mcmcp.org.

Plan to attend an upcoming winter retreat at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp! Participate in Scrapbook Retreat weekend, play in the snow at youth Snow Camp, or attend the Men’s Retreat. Check out www.rmmc.org for more specific information. These retreats also rely on the help of volunteers. From supervising the tube run, cleaning bathrooms, shoveling paths, and cooking meals, each volunteer makes a weekend at RMMC run great. Visit rmmc.org and follow the links to Register Online or to the Volunteer sign-up. You may also call for more information (719-687- 9506). We need volunteers to help in the kitchen for the following groups:

- *St. Constantine Helen Orthodox Church youth winter retreat (December 27-29, 2017)*
- *Scrapbook Retreat (January 12-14, 2018)*
- *Jr High Snow Camp (January 19-21, 2018)*
- *Sr High Snow Camp (February 16-18, 2018)*
- *Young Adult Snow Camp (February 23-25, 2018)*
- *Men’s Retreat (March 2-4, 2018)*

Please note that we will not have a service the morning of Dec 24, but WILL have a Christmas Eve service that evening.



Weekly MMN Prayer Request

Asher and Lindsey Fast, serving through MMN and Virginia Mennonite Missions, are helping to build the after-school program at Mother Theresa Resource Centre in Botswana. They also assist in a local elementary school. Pray for wisdom, energy, and healing for Lindsey’s back and neck.



General Fund Donations Through November
Budget \$66,248.92 Actual \$66,390.29