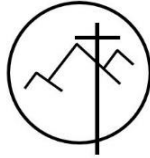


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December 2, 2018

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

First Sunday of Advent

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://mcmcpl.org>

Order of Service

Speaker

Amy Zimbelman

Worship Leader

Gayle Preheim

Song Leader

Judy Thiessen

We Gather

Welcome

Announcements

Time of Quieting

Call to Worship

Leader: Now is the time of waiting and watching. We wait expectantly for the Messiah, for God’s promises to be fulfilled.

People: We turn to You, O God, amidst this chaotic world, longing for that day of salvation to arrive. How long must we wait?

Leader: Pay attention, be still and know that God is with us. The signs are all around us.

People: Fill us with the faith and the hope of what is to be as we come before You with open hearts.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, come!



Advent Candle

Anne Krill & Sidney Archer

We Grow in Worship

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymns

HWB #178 Come, thou long-expected Jesus
STJ #54 Longing for light (verses 1,2, and 5)

Prayers of the People and Sharing the Grace

Congregational Hymns

HWB #172 O come, O come, Immanuel (verses 1, 2, 3)
STS #11 No wind at the window

Offering and Prayer

Confession of Faith

Leader: There are strange truths in Advent. Prophecies fulfilled. Miraculous births. Angels spending time in the human realm.

People: We long to meet these stories as Mary did, with awe and wonder, but sometimes we meet them with skepticism and arrogance, as Zechariah did.

All: Forgive us, God.

Assurance of Salvation

Leader: You are beloved people of God, working out your salvation with fear and trembling. God will meet you and work with you in your frailties and confusion.

All: Thanks be to God!

Scriptures

Luke 1:5-38; Luke 1:46-55

Sermon

“Two Annunciations, Two Responses”

We Go Out to Serve

Sending Song

HWB #172 O come, O come, Immanuel (verses 5,6)

Sending Prayer



Sermon Notes

We sometimes have glimpses of the divine in our everyday lives, but how do you think you would receive an angel? More like Mary or more like Zechariah?

What's something you want to do this Advent and Christmas season to maintain "a sense of awe, almost a sense of fright, at what God has done?"

Throughout the year, what are ways we can help foster reverence for the grandeur and mystery of God in our spiritual practices and our church gatherings?



December Birthdays

3 Paul Johnson 10 Joseph Liew 20 Terri Inloes
21 Rick Shellenberger 24 Linda Pankratz

Ongoing Events

- For appointments with Pastor Paul or Pastor Amy, call 720-880-8773 (Paul) or 719-985-7649 (Amy).
- 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

Join Village Seven Presbyterian Church tonight for a 90-voice choir, Sanctuary Bells and full orchestra "Hallelujah" performance, with beloved Christmas classics and favorite *Messiah* choruses. Concert Sunday, December 2 at 6pm. Please bring canned goods for Mercy's Gate food pantry; freewill offering received.

The 2018 Lessons and Carols program will be Sunday, Dec. 9 at 6pm at Shove Memorial Chapel on the Colorado College campus, 1010 N. Nevada Avenue.

Our Christmas brunch will be December 23 with Eichelberger cluster in charge of setting up and cleaning up. Start thinking about who you might invite to join us!

Christmas Eve service will be December 24 at 6pm. Invite family/friends and plan to be together for this special time.

Come to Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp for the annual Men's Retreat to spend time with God and other men in the beauty of creation, March 1-3, 2019. Men's Retreat is planned each year by a committee of MSMC church members. Festivities for the weekend include worship times, foosball, ping pong, chess, human curling, snowshoeing, great fellowship and more! Register online at rmmc.org or call camp with questions (719-687-9506).



Announcements

Next week, December 9, following morning service, we will have a short business meeting with updates on the ramp, etc., and congregational input for budget planning.

Our annual business meeting will be held on January 27. Please plan to attend this important congregational time!

Note from the office: Bulletin announcements should be in by Tuesday noon to insure they will be printed.

Remember you can access bulletins, hear sermons, and download content to your device online at mcmcpl.org.

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer/Praise

Praise God for Linda Oyer, who retired this year after three decades of service in France. Pray for a smooth transition as she moves to the US and speaks in churches. In "retirement," she plans to return to France twice a year to teach and lead workshops.



News from MC USA

Read about Women Doing Theology conference imagining a new world at mennoniteusa.org/news/wdt18, and find more reflections on the Menno Snapshots blog at mennoniteusa.org/tag/women-doing-theology.



Opportunities to Help

Please sign up on kitchen door for snow shoveling and removal during the winter season. If possible, please sign up for a month at a time-thanks for helping with this need!



General Fund Donations Through November
Budget \$65,891.05 Actual **\$64,980.83**