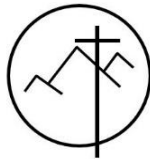


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December 23, 2018

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

Fourth 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	Paul Johnson
Worship Leader	Gayle Preheim
Song Leader	Judy Thiessen

We Gather

Welcome

Announcements

Time of Quieting

Call to Worship

Leader: Mary is with child! God’s long-awaited promise is
being fulfilled!

People: Rejoice in His name! Emmanuel, God be with us!

Leader: The little baby in His mother’s womb, He will be
the Savior of this hurting world.

**People: Bringing us new life, filled with joy and peace,
calling us to faith and action.**

All: Praise be to God. Alleluia! Amen!



Lighting of the Advent Candle

We Grow in Worship

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymns

SS #1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness
HWB # 173 Savior of the nations, come!

Scripture **Isaiah 42:5,6**

Prayers of the People and Sharing the Grace

Congregational Hymn

SS #15 Hope is a candle (verses 1, 4, 5)

Offering and Prayer

Special Music

Choir

Where is this Stupendous Stranger
Holy Child Within the Manger

Prayer of Confession

Leader: In this last week before Christmas, the busyness
and anxieties of this holiday season may
overwhelm us and keep us from feeling the
wonder of these days. Let us take a moment to re-
order our lives in this reality: In Jesus Christ, the
Love, Compassion and Justice of God is breaking
into our world.

Silence

Leader: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel! You Who are
enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth: Stir up
Your might, and come to save us!

***All: Restore us, O God; let Your face shine, and change
our lives with Your justice.***

Leader: O God of hosts, how long will You be angry with
Your people's prayers? You have fed us with the
bread of tears and given us tears to drink in full
measure.

***All: Restore us, O God; let Your face shine, and heal our
lives with Your compassion.***

Leader: Reveal to us Your Promised One, the one whom
You made strong for Yourself. Then we will never
turn back from You; give us life, and we will call on
Your name.

***All: Restore us, O God; let Your face shine, and delight our
lives with Your love.***

Words of Assurance

Leader: In Christ, the light of God's love shines in our hearts, and we are forgiven and given strength to forgive. Let us give thanks that in Jesus, Emmanuel, God is truly with us.

Scriptures **John 1:9-13; Matthew 5:14-16**

Sermon **"Crown of Creation"**

We Go Out to Serve

Sending Song

HWB #334 Christ is the world's true light (verses 1 & 3)

Sending Prayer



Sermon **Notes**

- *Isaiah speaks of a righteous light bringing a covenant to the people of all nations. Who could this be?*
- *John speaks of a true light that gives light to all humanity. It's an eyewitness account of Jesus. Why does John use the metaphor of light?*
- *Matthew quotes Jesus saying, "You are the light of the world." How are we supposed to be light?*



December **Birthdays**

24 Linda Pankratz

Ongoing Events

- For appointments with Pastors Paul or 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

Our Christmas brunch is this morning following service.

Please stay for food and fellowship! ***Christmas Eve service is tomorrow, December 24 at 6pm.*** Join us and bring your family and friends!

Upcoming RMMC events include:

- **January 18-20** Scrapbook Retreat
- **January 25-27** Junior High Snow Camp
- **February 15-17** Senior High Snow Camp
- **February 22-24** Young Adult Snow Camp
- **March 1-3** Men's Retreat
- **March 15-17** Women's Retreat

Announcements

LOST: Dark blue, leather-type phone case - opens like a book and has magnetic clasp, 3" x 6." Contact Jana P.!

Our annual congregational business meeting will be Sunday, January 27. Please mark your calendar to attend!

Service Adventure is seeking leaders for its Anchorage, AK unit. Contact Susan Nisly at Mennonite Mission Network: susann@mennonitemission.net. (Note: the unit and house did not suffer damage from recent earthquake activity.)

Iowa Mennonite School (Kalona, Iowa) is seeking an energetic leader with vision to serve as principal beginning

July 2019. Individuals may apply by Jan. 1, 2019 at www.iowamennonite.org/joinourteam.

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer

In this season of "Peace on earth, goodwill to all people," Nancy Frey and Bruce Yoder of MMN request prayer for peace in Burkina Faso, where terrorist groups have become more active. May the Mennonite Church show the way to the Prince of Peace.



From MC USA

"When they saw the star, they were overjoyed,"

Matthew 2:10. This Christmas, MC USA staff prays that you would seek the light of Christ and share joy with others.

Opportunities to Help

TLC pantry needs: *beef stew, vegetable broth, applesauce.*

Please sign up on kitchen door (if possible, for a month at a time) for snow shoveling during the winter. Thanks!

Beloved Community & MSMC are excited that Fernando Ventura and Rebeca Torres from Mexico are helping develop a ministry plan involving Beloved Community, exploring immigration outreach through Casa de Paz, and providing conference resources. Please host them for a day to help them learn local culture, strengthen their English, and get to know people and MSMC. Contact Barry Bartel at barryb@mountainstatesmc.org or 303-503-7886!



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