

TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

Fellowship and refreshments in the basement before Sunday school. Please keep drinks in the basement. Snacks for children PreK-Grade School are also available. Education opportunities for all ages will be held from 11:15-Noon. Childcare for infants and toddlers is provided in the nursery.



CHILDREN & YOUTH CLASSES (downstairs)

Pre-K – Grade 2: Room 10/11
Grades 3 – 5: Room 3
Youth (Grades 6-12): Room 13

ADULT CLASSES (upstairs and downstairs)

All Our Grievs to Bear: Sanctuary
Exploring the Power of God's Love-A Bible Study: Library
Coffee & Conversation: Room 5 (downstairs)

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:

Visuals: Perry Biddle & Bev Birkey Potts
Greeters: Karen McKenzie & Sam Cox
Worship Leader: Earl Kellogg
Candle Lighters: Needham Family
Children's Story: Cindy Breeze
Song Leader: Andrea Welty-Peachey
Piano: Ruth Stoltzfus
Advent Music: Choir, directed by Andrea Welty-Peachey
Scripture Reader: Tammie Bouseman
Sermon & Sharing: Pastor Michael
Zoom & Audio: Chuck Gibson
Worship Nursery: Taniya Boone & Megan Cox
Sunday school Nursery: Taniya B. & David HL
Stewards: Chuck Gibson & Rebecca Bare
Refreshments: Denny Seaman & Tom Sutter

NEXT SUNDAY (DEC. 18) AT FMC:

Advent 4: Restoration –
Do Not Be Afraid, Act Out of Love

Scripture: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Matthew 1:18-25
Visuals: Perry Biddle & Bev Birkey Potts
Greeters: Tammie Bouseman & Kate Falk
Worship Leader: Chuck Gibson
Candle Lighters: Peña-Martin family
Song Leader: Danielle Beard
Piano: Pam Peña-Martin
Advent Music: Choir Chimes, directed by Pastor Deb
Children's Story: Cindy Breeze
Scripture Reader: Mark Evans
Sermon & Sharing: Pastor Deb
Zoom: Mary Krick; Audio: Laurence Koehn
Worship Nursery: Taniya Boone & Abby Crosby
Sunday school Nursery: Taniya B. & Melissa Shungu
Stewards: Chuck Gibson & Greg Sancken
Refreshments: Denny Seaman & Tom Sutter

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WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
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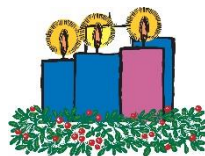


Artwork by Nat Schneider

Celebration of Worship

December 11, 2022

Advent 3



Restoration: Tell the Good News of Joy

Centering chimes

Introit

“Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord”

Prelude

“Creator of the Stars of Night” by Paul Pedersen (tune #236 in hymnal)

Welcome & prayer

***Call to worship**

Leader: Look, you are a herald of Joy. Tell what you have seen!

People: God's awesome wonders fill the earth, the lost are found, the blind see, the deaf hear, the lame walk, the poor receive Good News, and new life is growing in our lives.

Leader: Is this what you were expecting to see?

People: By faith we walk the way of love, in trust we walk the way of mercy, by hope we walk the way of joy.

Leader: Magnify the Lord, and rejoice in God our Savior.

All: Look, the Mighty One does great things, God's mercy is a sacred blessing for all generations.

***Hymn #210**

“O Come, O Come, Immanuel” (verses 1 & 7)

Advent candle litany

Leader: Strengthen your hearts, for the Lord is near.

People: Like water in the desert, the love of Jesus flows within us and softens our hearts.

Leader: As we gather strength, we light this candle as a sign of God's joy made real among us.

People: Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Candle lighting hymn #222

“My Soul Proclaims with Wonder”

Lighting of the Advent candles

Children's story and offering for Kino Border Initiative (KBI)

Congregation sings as children come forward (Voices Together #512)

Advent music

“When Angels Sing” by Mark Miller & Herb Frombach

Scripture

Luke 1:46b-55; Isaiah 35:1-10; Matthew 11:1-6

Sermon

***Response Hymn #229**

“Unexpected and Mysterious”

Offering prayer (offerings can be placed in the offering plates as the greeters come by)

Offertory

“Lo how a Rose e're blooming” by Hans Micheelsen

Congregational sharing and prayer (use a mic or text/email prayers to Pastor Michael)

Introduction of visitors

Work of the church (please come forward to the podium mic to make your announcement)

***Sending Hymn #221**

“The Angel Gabriel Called Mary Blessed”

***Benediction**

**Stand in body or in spirit. Children are invited to wave the worship ribbons during the hymns.*

Question for Reflection:

Where is God's Anointed One leading you?

What surprises you about God's Anointing?

We welcome, without exclusion, all who seek God's love and grace . . .

You are welcome here, inclusive of gender, race, country of origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, sexual identity, socioeconomic status, family status, past imprisonment, education, citizenship status and physical or mental abilities. We encourage you to share in the rituals, fellowship and ministry of this congregation.

Hearing devices (T-coil and over-ear) and large print hymnals are available from the greeters.

Childcare (birth – preschool) is provided in the nursery downstairs.