

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

November 28, 2010

Advent 1: An Unexpected Hour

Prelude “O Come, o come, Emmanuel”

***Hymns:** “Christ is coming! Let creation” #295 HWB (vv. 1, 2, 4)

“Joy to the world” #318 HWB (vv. 1, 2)

“I will come to you in the silence” (hymnal pocket; v. 1)

Silence / Lighting the Advent Candles

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,

People: that God may teach us and we may walk in God’s paths.

L: This is the moment to wake from sleep,

P: for salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed.

L: The night is far gone, the day is near.

P: Be ready; Jesus is coming at an unexpected hour.

Prayer

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Children’s gathering song: “Come and see” #20 HWB

Children’s time: “We all belong together”

Silence

Hymn: “I want to walk as a child of the light #95 STJ

Offering and Offertory

Gospel Reading: Matthew 24:36-44

Sermon: “Work and wait”

Testimony of waiting: Dan Leisen

Silence “Prayer & Meditation on Psalm 103” by Marybeth Luing

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Leader: We pray (give thanks) to the Holy One,

People: Hear our prayer.

Congregational Prayer

Our Father/Mother in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours

now and forever. AMEN

**Please stand if you are able*

Announcements (please give in writing to worship leader)

Introduction of guests

***Sending hymn:** “I am the light of the world” #33 ES (v. 1)

***Benediction**

***Passing the Peace / Postlude**

Community Time

- **Fellowship time, 10:45-11:10**

- **No Christian Education today; classes resume next Sunday.**

11:00 – Advent Choir practice, front of sanctuary

Mixed Voice Advent Choir rehearsals begin today. Here is the schedule:

Nov. 28 Right after worship

Dec. 5 During Education hour (11:15-noon)

Dec. 12 Short warm-up rehearsal at 9:00am; Sing for church service

Dec. 19 Short warm-up rehearsal at 9:00am; Sing for church service

You are invited to sing at one or both performances. We will sing one piece for each service. Both pieces will be worked on at each rehearsal.

This is an opportunity to sing in a totally non-intimidating group. – *Neil*

Okerlund

TODAY: Advent 1: Wake from sleep!

Worship Leader: Chris Jones

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song Leader: Hermann Weinlick

Piano: Sandra Westby

Brass quartet: Matthew Blackwell Kinney, Neil Okerlund, Gregg

Richardson, Matthew Thomas

Ushers: Mike & Paula Okerstrom

Nursery: 2 volunteers needed

NEXT SUNDAY: Advent 1: Repent and reconnect! (Matthew 3:1-12)

Worship Leader: Bob Mack

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song Leader: Adam Nafziger

Piano: Gregg Richardson

Ushers: Nikki Nafziger & Rachel Hoskins

Nursery: Jason Derrickson & Wendy Brunner

A staffed nursery for toddlers and children up to age 5 is located in the education wing. Please ask an usher if you wish to be guided to the nursery.

Nov. 21: service canceled

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FMC OFFICE HOURS: November 29-Dec 3

Pastor: Wed 11:30-5:30, Thurs 10-4; Fri 9-1. Tuesday is a study day. Joetta is open to receiving phone calls at home on Monday and Wednesday evening from 7- 8:30 p.m.

Ministry Staff Person: Monday 1-3 p.m., Friday 9-Noon.

Office Assistant, Julie Cross: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Email all bulletin items before Wednesday evening to:

faithmc@faithmennonite.org. Bulletin is finalized and printed on Thursday.

Thank you to Dan Leisen who coordinated the visual elements for our Advent Worship, and to other members of the Advent Worship Planning Committee (Chris Jones, Bob Mack, Adam Nafziger, Jenny Wandersee).

FMC provides *one* Mennonite publication for members or regular attenders. We are renewing our group subscriptions to ***The Mennonite***. Anyone *who doesn't already have another subscription* and would like to receive this monthly may **sign up** on the form located on the table. **Shared copies** are located on the magazine rack at the back of the sanctuary.

Church Meetings and Events

November 30 – Lectionary discussion (Luke 1:47-55; Matt 11:2-11)

8:30 a.m., Trotter's, corner of Cleveland and Marshall, SP

December 1 – Missions & Service Commission, 6 p.m., chapel

December 5 – Immigration Faith Action, 2:30 p.m. Ramsey County Detention Center, St. Paul

December 6 – Marriage Guidelines Taskforce, 7 p.m., library

December 8 – Church Council, 7 p.m., chapel

December 12 – Christmas Program and Cookie Social, 4:45 p.m.

January 19 – Annual Reports due to church office

February 13 – Annual Congregational Meeting

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.'
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.
O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Matthew 24:36-44

But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

L: For the Word of God in Scripture,
For the Word of God within us,
For the Word of God among us,

All: Thanks be to God.

FMC is hosting a kids' gift drive for The Aliveness Project, an organization providing services to people in MN living with HIV/AIDS. We will be collecting unwrapped gifts during children's time **between now and Dec 5th**. The drive is a great opportunity for kids to be involved in caring and learning about others. *Greatest need is for teen gifts* (like hooded sweatshirts, sports equipment, fancy lotions, gift cards such as Best Buy or Target, etc.). The organization would be happy to receive gifts for younger kids, including toys (clothes, mittens & hats are okay).

Announcements

Lost and Found: Reading glasses, leather jacket, black air mattress & gray cooler remain unclaimed at the back of the sanctuary. Left **today**, they will be donated to Value Village.

FMC Christmas Events:

Joan Kreider will host the annual **FMC Carol Sing-Along** at her home, 2162 Carroll Ave., SP, on Sunday, **December 5, 7 p.m.** Everyone is welcome to come and sing (or just listen) to your favorite carols,--ancient and modern, aesthetically pleasing and tacky!

On **December 12** we will hold our 4th annual **evening Christmas program**, featuring a Christmas cantata by our elementary-aged children. The program will begin at 4:45 p.m., followed immediately by a cookie social. Everyone is invited to bring a plate of cookies to share. The hosting group for the cookie social is: Neil Okerlund, Kathleen Harder, and the Siggelkows. Following the program the **Nokomis Deacon Group** will meet at Adam & Nikki Nafziger's home for caroling and more snacks!

Two Events to Honor World AIDS Day:

- **December 1 Service of Remembrance and Recommitment for World AIDS Day**, Wesley Church, 101 E. Grant Street, Minneapolis. Will begin with a social hour at 5:30, followed by a program featuring various speakers and musicians at 7:30 p.m. FMC participants are warmly welcomed.-*Greg Renstrom*
- **"30 years/30 lives: Documenting a pandemic"** World AIDS Day photo exhibit and program, **Tuesday, November 30**, United Theological Seminary Bigelow Chapel (3000 Fifth Street NW, New Brighton). The event will begin at 5:30 with a reception, followed by an artist's talk at 6:30 and a program including contemporary music at 7:30- *Submitted by Kathleen Remund*

Seeking part-time childcare and a winter stroller: We are looking for someone to care for 18 month-old Luke for 6-10 hours/week spread over 2-3 days, preferably mornings. We also need to find a stroller that is better suited for the Minnesota winter. Does anyone have one to sell or lend to us.? Please contact Kristi Zabriskie.

December Birthday Brunch - Saturday 18 If you or a family member has a birthday in December Pastor Joetta invites you to a birthday brunch at her home, 248 Aurora Ave, St, Paul. (This invitation is for whole families and significant others, not just the birthday person.) Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the fellowship area or email.