

**FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH**

December 5, 2010

Advent 2: An Unexpected Hour

**Prelude**

**\*Hymns:** “O come, O come, Emmanuel” #172 HWB (vv. 1, 2, 5, 6)  
“Lo, how a Rose e’er blooming” #211 HWB  
“I will come to you in the silence” (hymnal pocket; vv. 1-2)

**Silence / Lighting the Advent Candles**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Prepare the way of the Lord! Straighten the crooked paths!

**People: A shoot shall come out from Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.**

L: The Spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,  
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

**P: Nations will rejoice, for God’s kin-dom has come near.**

**Prayer**

**Old Testament Reading:** Isaiah 11:1-10

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

**Children’s time:** Chris Jones

**Silence**

**Hymn:** “Slowly turning, ever turning #23 STJ

**Offering and Offertory:** “Coventry Carol” Menno’Faith, Neil Okerlund,  
director

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 3:1-12

**Sermon:** “Roots and Shoots: going down, growing up”

**Testimony of reconciliation:** Andy Martinson

**Sharing at the Table**

**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

**Announcements** (please give in writing to worship leader)

**Introduction of guests**

**\*Sending hymn:** “I am the light of the world” #33 ES (vv. 1-2)

**\*Benediction**

**\*Passing the Peace / Postlude**

Community Time

- **K-5 children’s dismissal for singing practice, 10:30**

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

- **Education for all ages 11:15-noon**

**Adult classes:**

Revelation – chapel, education wing

Love Languages – fellowship hall, basement

- **Advent Choir practice**, front of sanctuary, **11:15-noon** – New members welcome! – *Neil Okerlund*

- **Tonight, 7 p.m.** - Joan Kreider will host the annual **FMC Carol Sing-Along** at her home. Everyone is welcome to come and sing (or just listen) to your favorite carols.

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**TODAY:** Advent 2: Repent and reconnect! (Matthew 3:1-12)

**Worship Leader:** Bob Mack

**Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

**Song Leader:** Adam Nafziger

**Piano:** Gregg Richardson

**Reader:** Aine McCarthy

**Ushers:** Nikki Nafziger & Rachel Hoskins

**Nursery:** Jason Derrickson & Wendy Brunner

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Advent 3: Be patient as God works! (Matthew 11:2-11)

**Worship Leader:** Bob Mack

**Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

**Song Leader:** Gregg Richardson

**Piano:** Melissa Falb

**Ushers:** Darrell Martin & Mike Okerstrom

**Nursery:** Andy Martinson & Joan Wing

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*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.*

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**Nov. 28:** Attendance: 76

Offering:

**Faith Mennonite Church**  
**Pastor: Joetta Schlabach**  
**Ministry Staff Person: Kathleen Remund**  
**Deacons: Aryn Baxter, Kami Blackwell Kinney**  
**Neil Okerlund, Beth Richardson, Hermann Weinlick**

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**FMC OFFICE HOURS:** Dec 6-10

**Pastor:** Mon 1-5; Wed & Thurs 9-4; 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](mailto:faithmc@faithmennonite.org). Bulletin is finalized and printed on Thursday.*

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**Today, 2:30 p.m. Immigration Faith Action,** Ramsey County Detention Center, 425 Grove Street, St. Paul. Hosted by Church World Service—Comprehensive Immigration Reform. Join community members of faith and conscience who advocate for immigrants and immigration reform by calling attention to our nation's broken immigration system.

**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).

**Remaining rehearsals for Mixed Voice Advent Choir:**

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

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

**Church Meetings and Events**

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

December 7 – Lectionary discussion (Isa 7:10-16; Rom 1:1-7), 8:30 a.m., Trotter's, corner of Cleveland and Marshall, SP

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

