

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

Dec 25, 2016

Christmas Day Service

***Gathering Song:** “Hark! the herald angels sing” #201 HWB
“What Child is this” #215 HWB

Lighting of the Christ Candle

***Welcome and Call to Worship:**

Leader: Glory to God in the highest

People: and peace to all people on earth!

ALL: *Today a savior is born to us –*

Christ the Lord.

Let all earth rejoice

In God’s great gift.

***Hymn:** “Love came down at Christmas” #208 HWB

***Hymn:** “Angels we have heard on high” #197 HWB

Children’s Gathering Song: “O come, all ye faithful” #212 HWB, v. 1

Children’s Time: Siggelkow family

Song: “Gloria” #204 HWB

Scripture reading: Luke 2:1-21

Sermon: “To you—this day!: the good news of Christmas”

Hymn: “’Twas in the moon of wintertime” #190 HWB

Commissioning of Madeline Kreider Carlson for MCC Assignment

***Congregational Response:** HWB #796

***Hymn:** “We are people of God’s peace” #407 HWB

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns (*It is a joy to welcome guests; this can be a time for guest introductions.*)

Congregational Prayer and Lord’s 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

Offering and Offertory

Announcements

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book

**Please stand if you are able*

STJ: Sing the Journey

***Sending hymn:** “Joy to the world” #318 HWB

***Benediction**

***Sharing the sign of peace / Postlude**

Community Time

10:40 Fellowship time

No Christian Education Classes

If you would like to continue singing carols after today’s service, gather by the piano during fellowship time. Sandra and Jim will be available to play your favorites.

TODAY: Nativity: Birth of Jesus

Worship leader: Siggelkow Family

Piano: Sandra Westby

Song leader: Vocal ensemble

Ushers: B. Hemrich, S. Thornley

Nursery: A. Martinson, H. Wengerd

Sermon: Ry Siggelkow

Organ: Jim Kuebelbeck

Banjo: Stew Thornley

Fellowship: S. Leckie Reed

NEXT SUNDAY: Christmas 1: Simeon & Anna / Communion

Worship leader: Wright Family

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song leader: Miriam Augsburg

Organ: Jim Kuebelbeck

Ushers: Stew Thornley, Travis Lusk

Fellowship: Okerlund, G Schlabach

Nursery: Laurie Kaufman, Shelly Hendricks

Dec 18:

Attendance: 84

Local Budget: \$15,880

Organ Fund: \$500

Thanksgivings:

Concerns:

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.

Co-Pastors: Joetta Schlabach & Ry Siggelkow
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FMC office hours: December 26-30

Ry: Tues. and Thurs. by phone **Joetta:** out of the office this week

Office Staff: Aimee Weigle: Mon – Fri 9:30-12:30

Email bulletin items by Wed afternoon. Bulletin printed Thurs morning.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network: On this Christmas day, pray for Nazareth Village near where Jesus grew up 20 centuries ago. Mennonite Mission Network partners with Nazareth Village in peeling away the layers that distort Jesus' message of peace in a world torn apart by conflict.

Come pray for our church and community! Parent Resource Room, 9:10-9:25 a.m. each Sunday. Also, if you would like to have someone pray with you or discuss a matter of concern please look for persons with the purple "deacon" ribbon or the green "prayer" ribbon on their name tag. They are glad to meet with you.

2017 Sunday Fellowship and Monthly potluck hosting schedules are in your mailboxes. Please note your assigned date(s) and arrange a switch if you anticipate a conflict. Thank you for participating in this important part of our community life! – *Shirley Leckie Reed & Mary Friesen Seitz, Fellowship Commission*

Looking Ahead: The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Jan. 29th, 2017.

Annual reports are due to Aimee (faithmc@faithmennonite.org) **no later than Jan. 4th.**

Church Meetings and Events (online calendar: www.faithmennonite.org)

Dec 27 – NO Sunday Text Discussion

Dec 27 – Newsletter items to Gregg Richardson by noon

Jan 4 – Annual reports from each commission are due to church office

Jan 4 – Deacon commission meeting, 6:30 p.m., Kristin Green's home

Luke 2:1-20

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” ¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. ²¹After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Leader: 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.

Announcements

Snow time! We ask for volunteers to please help keep our walkways clear for Sunday morning worship services. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

—*The Trustees*

For Such a Time as This: Building Our Prophetic Resistance, Sat., January 28th, 1-4 pm. In the midst of a time of great uncertainty, change, and fear as newly elected politicians prepare to assume power in January, ISAIAH, an organization that partners with 275,000 people of faith across Minnesota to work for racial and economic justice, is sponsoring a gathering at **Shiloh Temple International Ministries, 1201 W. Broadway Ave, Minneapolis.** Join other people of faith to learn more about the challenges we face and reckon with what’s at stake. We will take action, asking elected officials at the state and federal levels to ensure civil and human rights, maintain and strengthen core social safety net initiatives facing attack, and protect the planet. Register now! at www.tinyurl.com/propheticresistance

From Donna Minter: Several weeks ago, I was interviewed for the Peace Lab Podcast produced by the Mennonite Church Peace and Justice Support Network. If you’d like to take a listen, here's the link: <https://soundcloud.com/themennonite/peace-lab-episode-6-donna-minter>

Because the **final ASDIC** was cancelled due to weather, a make-up circle has been scheduled for **Jan. 14th** at 9 a.m., in the chapel.