

## FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

Dec 4, 2016

**\*Gathering Songs:** “Comfort, comfort, O my people” #176 HWB  
“My soul proclaims with wonder” #181 HWB, vv. 1, 2, 3

### Lighting of the Advent Candle

#### \* Welcome and Call to Worship:

Leader: Into our world as into Mary’s womb...

**People: Come, Lord Jesus.**

L: Into the forgotten places, as into the stable...

**P: Come, Lord Jesus.**

L: Into the lives of the poor, bringing hope;  
into the lives of the powerful, bringing caution;  
into the lives of the weary, bringing rest;  
into the lives of the wise, bringing restlessness;  
and into our lives and longings, whatever our estate...

**P: Come, Lord Jesus.**

L: This is the good news: Christ is coming,  
and blessed are those who wait on the Lord.

**All: Therefore, come quickly, Lord. Amen.**

*From Cloth for the Cradle, Iona Community Wild Goose Worship Group, 2000*

**\*Hymn:** “O Savior, rend the heavens” #175 HWB, vv. 1, 3, 4, 5

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

**Children’s Time:** Andi Kuenning

**Song:** “Gloria” #204 STJ

**Scripture reading:** Joel 2:12-13, 28-29

**Sermon:** “God’s Spirit: more than a promise”

**Communion:** *All who have made a commitment to follow Christ and share in the life of Christ’s body are invited to the table. We will gather in circles at the front and back tables, as the ushers direct. Please hold the elements until all are served. The bread is gluten free; the cup is grape juice. Unbaptized children/youth may come to receive a grape and blessing. Please return to your seats by the side aisles.*

**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. (Cont.)

**HWB:** *Hymnal Worship Book*

*\*Please stand if you are able*

**STJ:** *Sing the Journey*

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 ~ Adam Nafziger, Rudy Okerlund, Ry Siggelkow Announcements

**\*Sending hymn:** “My soul cries out” (insert) vv. 1, 4

**\*Benediction**

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

#### Community Time

**10:40** Fellowship time

**11:00** Christian Education classes for all ages.

A new adult education class begins this week—a study of the Kairos Palestine Document. More details are in the “Announcements” section. Today’s session will be held in the sanctuary.

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**TODAY:** Second Sunday of Advent: God’s promised Spirit

**Worship leader:** Ratigan Green Family

**Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

**Song leader:** Adam Nafziger

**Organ:** Jim Kuebelbeck

**Ushers:** Rhonda Martin, Darrell Martin

**Recorder:** Rudy Okerlund

**Nursery:** Joel Cuffey, Rebecca Wright

**Fellowship:** Bardo Martinson

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**NEXT SUNDAY:** Third Sunday of Advent: Spirit of God upon me

**Worship leader:** Harder Kouay Family

(Isaiah 61:1-11)

**Sermon:** Ry Siggelkow

**Song leader:** Karen Wiebe

**Piano:** Melissa Falb

**Ushers:** Travis Lusk, Cori Skogerboe

**Fellowship:** Kuenning/Leisen, Vidas

**Nursery:** Hermann Weinlick, Gregg Richardson

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**Nov 27:**

**Attendance: 68**

**Offering: \$1,234**

Amount needed each Sunday to meet annual budget: \$5,673

#### Thanksgivings:

#### Concerns:

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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.*

**Faith Mennonite Church**  
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*FMC office hours: December 5-9*

**Ry:** Tues, Thurs, 9-4 **Joetta:** Tues, Wed 9-3

**Office Staff: Aimee Weigle:** Mon, Wed-Fri 9:30-12:30

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

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**Prayer Request from Central Plains Mennonite Conference:** This first Tuesday of the month, join Friends of Pastor Max and the conference ministers in fasting and praying that God would make a way for the Max and Gloria Villatoro Family to be reunited.

**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.

**Today’s events, following worship**

12:15 Pastor-Parish Relations Committee meeting, chapel

2:00 Community Sing, sanctuary

**Church Meetings and Events** (online calendar: [www.faithmennonite.org](http://www.faithmennonite.org))

**Dec 6** – Sunday text discussion, 8:30 a.m., Seward Co-op

**Dec 7** – Deacon Commission, 6:30 p.m., Kristin Green home

**Dec 10** – ASDIC, 9 a.m., chapel

**Dec 10** – Sewing Group, 9:30 a.m. library

**Dec 11** – Advent choir practice, 11 a.m., sanctuary

**Dec 14** – Church Council, 7 p.m., chapel

**Dec 15** – Ecumenical Taizé, 6 p.m.-meal; 7 p.m.-prayer; fellowship hall

**Dec 17** – Final ASDIC, 9 a.m., chapel

**Dec 17** – Cooking Decorating, 3 p.m., Peters-Fransen home

**Dec 18** – Advent choir practice, 8:45 a.m., fellowship hall

**Dec 18** – Christmas program and cookie social, 4:30 p.m., sanctuary

## Joel 2:12-13, 28-29

<sup>12</sup>Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; <sup>13</sup>rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing.

<sup>28</sup>Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. <sup>29</sup>Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

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

**Calling all singers: Advent choir rehearsal** will be held during the Sunday school hour on Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, and at 8:45 a.m. on the 18<sup>th</sup>, the day we sing. All are welcome! Singers are welcome even if you can only make it to one of the rehearsals. – *Rudy Okerlund*

The **FMC Sewing Group** will hold its regular “second Saturday” stitching time from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Dec. 10. All are welcome. We are glad to receive fabric remnants for use in comforter tops and school kit bags.

Faith Mennonite will be the host site for an ecumenical **Advent Taizé service** on Thursday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. Persons from our partner churches (Cabrini Catholic, Prospect Park UMC, Dignity Twin Cities, and Compassion of Christ Catholic Community) will join us for a soup supper at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall, followed by a sung, contemplative prayer service, beginning at 7 p.m., in the same space. **If you are able to contribute soup or bread**, please indicate this on the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

**Please join Thaine Dirks and Bob Mack for a free holiday concert** by the Prospect Park Community Choir at **2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 11**, at the Prospect Park United Methodist Church. The church is located at 22 SE Orlin Ave., Mpls. Parking is available across the street at the Pratt School parking lot or on the street.

**From the Peters-Fransen family:** We would like to host a **Christmas cookie-decorating party** at our house on Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, starting at 3 p.m. Look for more details in Wednesday’s midweek update!

**Adult Christian Education: Kairos Palestine** - As we begin Advent this year we will turn our attention to the Holy Land, where Jesus was born. During the adult education hour in Dec. and the beginning of Jan, we will engage with a four-week congregational study plan prepared by the Mennonite Palestine Israel Network (MennoPIN). Congregational reading and studying of the Kairos Palestine document was encouraged by a resolution passed at the 2015 Mennonite Church USA convention. This is in preparation for the 2017 convention where a tabled resolution on Israel-Palestine will be considered. “*Kairos Palestine* is the Christian Palestinian’s word to the world about what is happening in Palestine. Its importance stems from the sincere expression of Palestinian Christian concerns for their people and their view of the moment of history they are living through. It is deeply committed to Jesus’ way of love and nonviolence even in the face of entrenched injustice. It seeks to be prophetic in addressing things as they are, without equivocation. It is a contemporary, ecumenical confession of faith and call to action. Its tone and its theology echo similar Christian manifestos written in times of crisis, e.g., at the rise of Nazism (*Barmen Declaration*, 1934), during the Civil Rights Movement in the U.S.A. (*Letter from the Birmingham Jail*, 1963), and amidst the struggle to end Apartheid in South Africa (*Kairos Document*, 1985). This appeal was drafted and endorsed by a broad coalition of Palestinian Christian leaders—Catholic, Orthodox, mainline Protestant and evangelical.” (MennoMedia) In 2011, MC USA issued its own response to *Kairos Palestine* with a letter to Palestinian Christians as well as a letter to members of Mennonite Church USA, both of which can be found at [www.mennopin.org](http://www.mennopin.org). You can pick up a copy of the document at church (\$5) or download it from [www.mennopin.org](http://www.mennopin.org). - Candace Lault, FMC Adult Education Coordinator

**Mirror Shield Workshop:** Please join us on **Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>**, at 14 14 E. Franklin Ave. Mpls., **5-8 p.m.**, for an all ages arts workshop led by artist, Cannupa Hanska. In light of the water protector's movement in Standing Rock against the Dakota Access Pipeline, this workshop will focus on making art in solidarity with the protectors. Cannupa will teach us how to make his artistic “mirror shields” which can be **used at Standing Rock to non-violently show aggressors their own image**. To learn more about the artist and project please visit: <http://theartnewspaper.com/news/artist-creates-mirrored-shields-for-standing-rock-protesters/>.

**Looking Ahead:** The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017. **Annual reports are due** to Aimee (faithmc@faithmennonite.org) **no later than Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>**.