

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

January 1, 2017

***Gathering Song:** “Oh, how joyfully” #209 HWB
“To us a child of hope is born” #189 HWB

Lighting of the Christmas Candles

***Welcome and Call to Worship:** Psalm 131

Leader: O LORD, my heart is not lifted up, my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me.

People: But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; my soul is like the weaned child that is with me.

All: O Israel, hope in the LORD from this time on and forevermore.

***Hymn:** “Infant Holy, Infant lowly” #206 HWB

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

Children’s Time: “Simeon and Anna bless baby Jesus”

Song: “Gloria” #204 HWB

Scripture reading: Luke 2:22-38

Sermon: “What are we waiting for?”

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 form a circle around the perimeter of the sanctuary. Those who wish to participate may partake of the bread and cup as they are served. Those not wishing to participate may cross their hands and receive a blessing. Children and unbaptized youth will receive a grape. The bread is gluten free; the cup is grape juice.*

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

***Sending hymn:** “Morning star, O cheering sight” #214 HWB

***Benediction**

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

Community Time

10:40 Fellowship time

No Christian Education Classes today. Classes resume next Sunday.

TODAY: Christmas 1: Simeon & Anna / Communion

Worship leader: Hendricks Family

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song leader: Miriam Augsburg

Organ: Jim Kuebelbeck

Ushers: S. Thornley, T. Lusk

Fellowship: R. Okerlund, G. Schlabach

Nursery: Laurie Kaufman, Alisa Bardo-Martinson

NEXT SUNDAY: Epiphany / Music Sunday

Worship/music team: Ry Siggelkow, Charlie Parrish-Siggelkow,

Lea Graber, Melissa Falb

Ushers: Cori Skogerboe, Glenn Geissinger

Fellowship: S. James, Westbys **Nursery:** Andi Kuenning, Mark Kaufman

Dec 25:

Attendance:

Local Budget: \$7,520

Dec 18 – MCC Syria Fund: \$1,500

Thanksgivings:

Concerns:

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.

Co-Pastors: Joetta Schlabach & Ry Siggelkow
Deacons: Kristin Green, Glenn Geissinger
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FMC office hours: January 2-6

Ry: Tues, Thurs 9-4 **Joetta:** Tuesday, Wednesday 10-3

Joetta will be in Ecuador Jan 7-19 on a Central Plains Mennonite

Conference Learning & Fellowship Tour

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: Linda Oyer, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, is waiting for surgery to remove her gallbladder after severe attacks of cholecystitis last month. Pray for rest and peace as she regains health in her home near Paris, France, so she can be ready for the operation this month.

The January edition of FMC *Faith Connections* newsletter is in mailboxes.

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

Jan 3 – NO Sunday Text Discussion

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

Jan 4 – Deacon Comm. dinner meeting, 6:30 p.m., K. Green's home

Jan 11 – Church Council meeting, 7 p.m., chapel

Jan 14 – Final ASDIC (make-up), 9 a.m., chapel

Jan 14 – FMC Sewing Group, 9:30 a.m., library

Jan 29 – Brunch & Annual congregational meeting (no education classes)

Luke 2:22-38

²²When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), ²⁴and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. ²⁷Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;

³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.”

³³And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

³⁶There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

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*

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 THIS WEDNESDAY, Jan. 4th.**

Adult Christian Education in January

January 8 Final *Kairos Palestine* discussion – Please join us even if you haven’t come to previous discussions! We are looking at how Mennonites have been involved in the Palestine/Israel region for over 60 years.

January 15 Council-led congregational review and discussion of a potential Everence/MCUSA matching grant which helps relieve pastoral student debt.

January 22 Worship Committee led congregational discussion.

January 29 FMC Annual Meeting (no Christian education)

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.**