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Mennonite Church

December 05, 2021

10:30

Prelude

Cello Concerto in D Minor, Prelude—Édouard Lalo

Welcome!

Call to Worship

Candle Litany

Leader: We light a candle of peace.

And we imagine:

People: God's tender mercy, God's compassion.

Leader: We light the candle of peace to feel God's embrace,
God's nearness, God's breath.

People: Imagine that... we are God's wonders, blessed wonders.

Prayer

Comfort, Comfort, O My People
Hear the Turmoil of the Nations

VT 212
VT 201

Malachi 3: 1-4

Luke 3: 1-6

Confession and Assurance

Children's Time

Stewardship Moment

Hark! The Glad Sound!
Solemn Stillness, Weary Streets
Mark 11:15-19

VT 217
VT 276

Sermon

Musical Reflection

Transition Moment

Announcements, joys, and sorrows will be brought before the congregation during the unlisted stream after the worship service.

VT = Voices Together STJ = Green Song Book STS = Purple Song Book
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**This service is streamed live. There will be a pause while the stream is switched from the public to the unlisted (private) stream for our*

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

*Pastor.....Kristine Regehr
Worship LeaderDeb Schmidt
Song Leader..... Tom Gaeddert
Accompanists..... Lisa Schmidt
Special Music.....Caleb Garber
Sanctuary PrepAdvent Planners*

*Broadcasting..... Andrew Plank
Sound John Horn
Projection..... Adam Scheffler
Ushers... Mike Doerksen & Howard Allison
Greeters.....Byron & Janet Ediger*

Welcome to Faith Mennonite

Church. We are glad you are here.
Please wear a mask during worship and singing.

If you need a **listening assistance device or a large print bulletin**, please ask an usher.

There are a few *quiet* craft items on the back table of the sanctuary that can be used during worship.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

As followers of Jesus Christ, our mission is to

- Worship together as a community of faith,
- Invite everyone to share the gift of God’s love,
- Nurture each other in the faith,
- Serve others in the spirit of Christ, and
- Proclaim His way of peace, justice and reconciliation.



SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

Meet in the Sanctuary at 9:00 AM on Sunday's,
then to classrooms at 9:15-10:10 AM

ADULTS

CHILDREN/YOUTH

Pre-K — 4th Grade:

LL Room 103

Teacher: Brenda Martinez

Junior High (5th—8th Grade)

LL Room 105

Teacher: Tammy Plank

High School

LL FYG Hall



Cornerstone: Fellowship Hall

Open Class: LL Open Area

Lamp Lighters:

LL Room 125

Peaceful Practices Sunday School will be as listed below. This class is in the Fellowship Hall.

| Kristine Preaches | Class Session (Date) | Session # | Theme | Scriptures |
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| 12/5 | 12/12 | 8 | Dignity | Mark 11:15-19; Advent text |
| 12/19& | 12/26 | Christmas Season | No Peaceful Practices | |
| 1/2/22 | 1/9/22 | 9 | Transformation | Acts 15: 1-12 |

FAITH FAMILY NEWS

THE ANGEL TREE is up! Once again we are helping local families identified by social workers at three Newton elementary schools. Our first set of angels is on the tree and more are coming. Things are a little rushed this year as the schools close on 12/17/21 for Christmas Break, so we need angel gifts delivered to the church by **next Sunday, 12/12/21**. The families who receive these gifts are always very grateful. Please put a book in each one. You can get them at Etc shop and book reviews w/o spending a lot of money. Or ones you have at home that you are ready to pass on. These families may have it a little harder this year due to the covid issues. Gifts should be able to be checked by the social workers, so gift bags are preferred. Thank you so much for your help!



HARVEST OF LOVE boxes have been placed in the foyer for collecting food donations. Money donations can be left at the church office. Donations will be delivered to the Salvation Army on Dec. 23rd. A list of items most needed can be found on the private forum "Community Needs" at members.faithmenno.org

ALL LADIES AND MEN are invited to kick off the Christmas season with Faith Mission Circle by celebrating in song and story on Monday, December 6, at 7:00 p.m. in fellowship hall. **It's the Annual Circle Christmas Celebration.** The decorations will be complete, there will be carol singing and unheard of accounts about those carols. The story of Christ's birth will be heard in King James English, Gipende and Hindi. The evening will close with "Silent Night" in three languages, too. Get your Christmas togs out of the closet and come prepared to "carol" in this Yuletide season.

The project this month is for Safe Hope (band aids, Tylenol, cough syrup and cough drops, feminine products, and wipes) and the offering is for Kansas Mennonite Disaster Service.

JOIN US FOR SPECIAL MUSIC DURING ADVENT. Starting November 28, we're excited to have our talented musicians providing extra music during the Advent season! Prelude will begin at 10:20, with extra music during the service. We invite you to sit back, relax from the busyness, listen and quietly reflect on the season. The following will be providing music during this time. December 5—Lisa Schmidt & Caleb Garber, December 12—Tammy Plank & Jennifer Horn, December 19—Marlene Habegger & Bell Choir with Lorisa Harder, December 26—Jane Schmidt & Tom Gaeddert, January 2—Lisa Schmidt & Gyles Garber.

DO YOU FIND THE CHRISTMAS SEASON a hard time to cope especially with the shorter days and longer darkness that comes with winter? This year we join the Christian tradition of recognizing the Longest Night on Tuesday, Dec. 21st. When the Christmas spirit of joy and generosity is difficult to procure because of loss, grief, or depression, a Longest Night service meets us where we are at, not where we'd like to be. There will be music and readings and candles to light. Anyone welcome; bring friends.

CHRISTMAS EVE is little bit less than a month away! Are you ready? Come enjoy a service of Lessons and Carols at 6:00 PM on the 24th of December.

OTHER AREA EVENTS

CHRISTMAS JOY is being presented by the Treble Clef Choir, Hearts 4 Him, and Prairie Bronze Handbell Ensemble. This Christmas Vespers will be on Sunday, December 5 at 3 PM at First Presbyterian Church at 900 Columbus in Newton. A freewill offering for the Treble Clef Scholarship Fund will be taken. Prelude will be offered by pianist, Joan Wulf.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7– Bethel College Steel Drum Band concert, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center.

DECEMBER 7, @ 7:30 PM Returning to Hesston College after ten years, Canadian Brass will perform as part of the 2021-22 Sunflower Performing Arts series. This ensemble explores many genres of music and has added nearly 600 new arrangements to the brass quintet repertoire. In its 49th season, Canadian Brass is known for concerts that display virtuosity, creativity and humor.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8 – Singalong to Christmas portions of Handel's Messiah returns in-person, 11 a.m., Memorial Hall, with chamber orchestra, soloists and student conductors. Scores provided.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10– Christmas Gala Jazz concert, 8 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center.

CENTRAL KANSAS MASTER CHORALE under the direction of Dr. Joel Garber presents *Lessons and Carols* on December 12, 2021 @ 7:00 PM at Hesston Mennonite Church. Featuring: The Prairie Bronze Handbell Ensemble, Paul Epp Trumpet, Ken Rodgers, organ. Free Admission

THE MCPHERSON COMMUNITY BRASS CHOIR under the direction of Jerry Toews will give their Christmas Brass Concert Sunday, Dec. 12 at 7:30pm in the Goessel HS gym. This event is sponsored by the Goessel Ministerial Alliance. Note the location change accommodating for social distancing. Come and enjoy a festive brass Christmas concert!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12 – Lighting of the Green returns in-person this year; 8 p.m. on the Bethel College campus.

YOU'RE INVITED to join us to continue the conversation we started at Pastor's Day Apart through the WDC Resource Library Book Discussion over Tongue-Tied: Learning the Lost Art of Talking about Faith by Sara Wenger Shenk. We welcome those who have read the book and those simply interested in the topic. The discussion will take place via Zoom from 7:00-8:00pm. A limited number of copies of the book are available through the library. RSVP at crlib@mennowdc.org

HAVE YOURSELF A HONKIN' GOOD HOLIDAY, December 17 from 4-6 p.m.! MCC is thrilled to host this drive-thru event again this year. Order your charcuterie box(es) today to enjoy in the comfort of your home, spread Christmas joy and order extra to give as gifts! Suggested donation per box is \$25. We're also collecting items for MCC hygiene kits at this event. Place your order by 5 p.m. on December 9. **Details and order form are on mcc.org.** Questions? Please call 316.283.2720.

CHRISTMAS GATHERING on December 18 at 2:30pm! Join us in the Dining Hall at Camp Mennoscah for afternoon fun--bring games to play indoors or out. Camp will provide popcorn and generic pop. (Masks recommended and encouraged for inside activities.)

CHECK OUT the bulletin board in foyer for fundraisers and events in the area.

This Week (12/05/2021- 12/12/2021)

Monday

7:00 PM Mission Circle Christmas Program

Sunday:

9:00 AM Sunday School for all ages
10:30 AM Worship

In lieu of passing an offering plate, there is a container in the back of the sanctuary for our offering collections.

Looking Ahead

December 14: Deacons

December 19: Handbell Choir Plays

December 20: Church Council

December 21: Longest Night Service

December 24: Christmas Eve Service

December 24 & 27: Church Office Closed

December 27: Caregiver Support Group

Attendance for 11/28/2021
Worship: 63

Board of Administration's Contact Person for December:

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