

*The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.*

**The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

*Come, behold the works of the Lord;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.*

**He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.**

*"Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth."*

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Hymn A mighty fortress is our God HWB 165

Time for Children Stewardship Committee

Bringing Our First Fruits Offerings of Money, Energy, and Time

Offertory Praise and Thanksgiving Wood
Prayer of Dedication SJ 60

Anthem Filled with His Voice Steve Danyew
Chancel Choir, Joel Boettger, alto sax

The Lesson Colossians 1:11-20 (PB 956)

Sermon Image of the Invisible God Tom Harder

*Hymn Jesus shall reign HWB 319

Work of the Church Lois Harder

Welcome, introduction of visitors
Announcements and Activities
Joys and Concerns
Prayer

*Hymn Lord Jesus, you shall be my song SJ 14

*Benediction

Postlude

My God and King

arr. Peery

HWB = Hymnal, a Worship Book; SJ = Sing the Journey
PB = Pew Bible; SS = Sing the Story

*Congregation stands

Today is Stewardship Sunday, the culmination of the season in which we learn about and offer our support for the mission of this church in the coming year. Many thanks to our Stewardship Committee, chaired by Guy Wenzel, and including Ruth Tieszen, Betty Balton, Daryl Dicke, Andrea Unzicker, and David Mathis.

We light the peace lamp as a reminder that peace is God's will for all of creation, that Christ is the Prince of Peace, and that the Holy Spirit empowers us to proclaim boldly the gospel of peace.

We welcome you to this service of worship! Please write your name on the welcome pad at the end of your pew, and then return it to learn who is sitting near you. Please include your address if you are a visitor or new attender. A nursery for children up to 5 years of age is available in Room 204.

For those with hearing difficulties, assistive listening equipment (which includes headphones and a small, pocket-sized receiver) is available. Please ask one of the ushers for assistance.

Greeters this morning are Ruth Holliday and Sara Penner. **Nursery workers during worship** are Ellen Ebersole and Catherine Everingham; **during Sunday School**, Rachel Pankratz. **Fellowship workers** are Anne and Kerm Daum.

Following the worship service, you all are invited to the Fellowship Hall for coffee and casual conversation until the bell rings for Sunday School. (Please see the list of classes below.)

In our community, our city, and beyond...

The **Advent Orchestra** plays during the four Sundays of Advent each year and is open to all instrumentalists. If you play a band or orchestra instrument, we would love to have you join us for any or all of the Sundays of Advent which starts November 27. We meet in

the sanctuary to rehearse from 8:30 - 9:00 each Sunday morning, then accompany the congregational singing during worship. If you haven't played with us before but would like to join us, please let me know so have music ready for you! Cindy Thompson

Calling all angels! If you have angel Christmas tree ornaments that are no longer singing in the choir on your tree, will you please bring them to the marked box in the north lobby? These will be used for the December 18 children's Christmas program. Contact Jill Robinson or Bev Baumgartner if you have questions. Thanks!

The Bethel College Women's Association Council needs your help in providing Christmas cookies, peppernuts, cinnamon rolls, candy, and other Christmas baked goods to sell at the 5 Places of Christmas, December 3. This year, we will be joining with the Kauffman Museum and the Bethel College Academy of Performing Arts. Please bring your goodies to the Kauffman Museum on Friday, December 2 during museum hours or Saturday morning 8-10. Thank you for your help!!

Each year in November, The Lord's Diner collects warm hats, gloves, socks and scarves to be given to their guests on Christmas Eve and as needed throughout the cold season. We ask that the donations be new....in the package is ok because they will be opened and placed, 1-3 pairs, into each guest bag. We will be collecting these items until December 2nd. We will still collect calendars until the end of November. There are boxes in the north lobby.

At Home Family Devotions: Nurture children's faith at home this Advent and Christmas through family worship. Find a free, downloadable guide at www.anabaptistfaithformation.org. For use between November 27 and January 6, it includes a daily Bible reading, short litany, songs, hands-on activities and questions to ponder together. People of all ages enjoy this resource. Churches are encouraged to print copies for families with children ages 4-12. These daily lessons follow the scripture texts and themes to match the worship resources in Leader magazine.

Maxine Phillips, daughter of an Italian immigrant, is the speaker for the Peace & Justice Annual Dinner, Friday, December 2, here at LAMC. Ms. Phillips was raised on stories of both opportunity for and opposition to immigrants. Her church, Judson Memorial in New York City, works with the New Sanctuary Movement to protect and advocate for immigrants facing deportation. She is former executive editor of *Dissent Magazine* and a vice chair of Democratic Socialists

of America. For many years, she was a co-editor of the magazine *Religious Socialism* and currently serves as a volunteer co-editor of the blog Religioussocialism.org and the print newsletter *Democratic Left*. Maxine will speak about strategies for supporting undocumented immigrants and changing U.S. policy. Call the Peace Center at 263-5886 to reserve your place.

Ten Thousand villages offsite sale: Plan your Holiday Fair Trade Shopping. Tell your friends and neighbors! Looking forward to seeing you! Friday and Saturdays - November 25-26; December 2-3; December 9-10, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day. Western District Office, 2500 North Main Street, North Newton, KS

Prayer Request from Western District Conference:

Give thanks to God for faithfulness through all seasons of our lives.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:

Pray for the family of Martine Audeoud and Gary Wittig as their teaching ministries are in Ivory Coast and Liberia, respectively. Remember especially Samuel, who turns 9 years old today. May he feel loved and secure despite his father's absence and his mother's frequent travels for professional assignments.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency:

Pray for Emulate, EMU's intimate vocal 3ensemble, as they perform at the Washington National Cathedral on November 20. May their voices be lifted in the glory of Your Name.

Prayer Request for Peacemakers:

Give thanks that campesino land struggle leaders of El Guayabo and Bella Union had their arrest warrants withdrawn last month. Eric Payares, Santos Peña and Jhon Freddy have been in hiding because of false charges leveled against them by a large landowner Rodrigo Lopez Henao. Pray for Alvaro Garcia, who remains in jail, and his family. Pray that the Holy one will soften Lopez Henao's heart and bend it toward justice. Pray also that the new peace negotiations between the Colombian government and FARC will bear fruit, so that rural communities like El Guayabo and Bella Union, which have born the brunt of the Colombian civil war's violence, may at last find some sort of peace with justice.

Prayer Request from *Sabeel*:

November 15 marks Palestinian Independence Day. Unfortunately, 28 years since the state was declared, true independence remains a dream. *God, we offer thanks for all the people and organizations*

working to bring about a just peace that will allow Palestine to experience actual independence. We pray for transformation and freedom in this land. Lord in your mercy...

Mohammed Ja'abis was forced to demolish his house under the pretext of being built without a permit. "I demolished it with my own hands to avoid paying over \$35,000 in demolition fees if Israeli bulldozers demolished it," he said. Israel rarely provides Palestinians living in East Jerusalem with building permits forcing them to build structures "illegally". *Lord, we pray for the family of the twelve people as they become homeless. We remember especially the six children as their entire life changes to the unknown. God we ask you not to allow the community of Jerusalem, Palestine and the rest of the world to surrender to hopelessness and apathy. Lord in your mercy...*

Visitors from Last Sunday:

Robert and Sally Unrau, Boise, ID; Maira Chen, Wichita; Stephanie Lu, Wichita; Jim Fetters, Hutchinson; Samuel, Rachel, Jonah and Hannah Voth Schrag, St. Louis, MO

This Week at Church

Monday	<i>Messenger</i> articles due	
	Library Committee	1:30 p.m.
	Centering Prayer – Gathering Room	4:15 p.m.
	Yoga	5:30 p.m.
	Wellness Group	6:45 p.m.
Wednesday	(no yoga or choir)	
Thursday	Happy Thanksgiving	
Friday	Yoga	12:00 p.m.

Elementary and Youth Sunday School Classes

Early Childhood (3- 4-year-olds) Shine! Curriculum Room 206
Teachers: Ellen Ebersole, Beth Lichty, Ruth Wiens

Kindergarten - First Grade Shine! Curriculum Room 201
Teachers: Kelly Cleary and Grayce Kaufmann

Second - Fourth Grades Shine! Curriculum Room 202
Teachers: Allison Wenzel and Julie Dunkelberger

Fifth – Eighth Grades Shine! Curriculum & Games B4
Teachers: Beverly Baumgartner, Nadine Reimer-Penner, Joel Ewy

Eighth-Twelfth Grades Book Studies Room 208
Teachers: Jill Robinson and Judy Ebersole

Adult Sunday School Classes

Empowerers Book Study Lois' Office (Basement)
Learning to Fall by Philip Simmons

Uniform Bible Study Series Gathering Room
led by Rose Moyer

Men's Group Book Study Library
God's Politics by Jim Wallis
led by Doug Everingham

Faith and Issues Kairos Palestine: Fellowship Hall
a moment of truth
led by Tom Harder

Mission Statement*

We are called to be followers of Christ
seeking God's will through the Holy Spirit
sharing the good news of love, peace,
healing, and hope
through worship, fellowship, and service
in our community, our city, and beyond.



**Foundational Scripture passages: Micah 6:8; Matthew 5-7; Mark 12:29-31; John 3:16; John 13:34-35; John 20:31; Romans 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 3:11; 1 Peter 4:7-11; 1 John 4:16.*

We welcome all persons without regard to their race, ethnicity, gender, age, sexual orientation, social status, education, ability, or any other factor subject to discrimination and exclusion in our world. *"There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28)*

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Monday is the pastors' day off

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