

Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church
Wichita, Kansas

Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2016

9:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
10:45 a.m.

Worship
Fellowship
Sunday School

*God's harmony is at hand.
Come, walk in the way of God's heart.*

Prelude

Lo, How a Rose
Wake, Awake for Night is Flying
Erica Schmidt, organ

arr. Russell
arr. Smith

*Call to Worship

Myra Swartz

Leader: In the nighttime of fear, we build walls and fences.

**People: Rather than showing hospitality,
we keep the stranger away.
We forget the truth that God's love is for everyone.**

Leader: O God, show us the way of your heart.

**All: Come quickly, Lord Jesus!
Show us the way of God's heart.**

*Hymns (as the Advent candles are lit)

Come, Light of the world
O Savior, rend the heavens

SS 3
HWB 175

Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19

Hymn

Hail to the Lord's anointed

HWB 185

Confessing/Reconciling

Leader: God of harmony,

**People: we yearn to walk in your way but often choose our
own path of turmoil and pain. Save us, Lord,
from the pride and foolishness of choosing
our own course, that we may humbly
and confidently follow your lead.**

(silence)

Leader: Throughout the tumult of life, God holds you close in love. Rejoice, because God's wisdom is your guide, God's compassion is your strength. God's love is your redemption.

All: Come, let us walk in the way of God's heart!

Bringing Our First Fruits Offerings

Offertory	O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee?	Manz
	Prayer of Dedication	
Time for Children	<i>Kaden Lichty, piano</i>	Beth Lichty
Anthem	An Advent Prayer <i>Chancel Choir</i>	Pote
The Lesson	Isaiah 11:1-10 (PB 558)	
Sermon	Imagining Peace	Tom Harder
*Hymn	O come, O come, Immanuel	HWB 172
Work of the Church		Lois Harder
	Welcome, Introduction of Visitors Announcements and Activities Joys and Concerns Prayer	
*Hymn	Bless'd be the God of Israel	HWB 174
*Benediction		
Postlude	Lift Up Your Heads	arr. Smith

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

*Congregation stands

Throughout Advent, mentors and their mentees will be lighting our Advent candles. **This morning the candle-lighters are** Alison Wenzel and Anna Harder.

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 Glen and Lois Janzen. **Nursery workers during worship** are Alison and Guy Wenzel; **during Sunday School**, Kristina Everingham. **Fellowship workers** are Marie and Roy Krehbiel.

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.)

Among our Friends:

The family of Katie Funk Wiebe would like to thank the LAMC family for the cards, prayers, visits and many acts of caring during the months of Katie's illness after her stroke, and during her passing. So many people remembered her and offered their support throughout the last year. It is wonderful to be a part of this community and we appreciate your care for our mother and grandmother. A memorial service and time of remembrance is planned for January 20, 2017 at LAMC. - Susan Wiebe

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 started *last week!* 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 I can 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. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us. Contact Jill Robinson or Bev Baumgartner if you have questions. Thanks!

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.

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

The McPherson Community Brass Choir, under the direction of Jerry Toews, will be giving a Christmas Brass Concert in the Historic Alexanderwohl Church Sun., Dec 11 at 7 pm. Also Andrew Voth's Elbiata singers will be performing. Alexanderwohl is located 1 mile north of Goessel on K-15 highway.

Friends and supporters of Mary Harren are invited to visit with her and each other December 18 at 401 S. Seneca at the Kansas Masonic Home, Fellowship Hall. Entrance and Parking at Southwest corner Seneca and Maple. Please bring a dish to share; beverages and service pieces provided. Contact Chaplain Connie Pace at 269-7568 with questions. Drop in any time from 2-5 PM for friendship and camaraderie.

You're invited to the MCC Christmas Soiree! Please join MCC for a delicious and fun holiday celebration on Thursday, December 15 from 5pm-7pm at the MCC Center in North Newton (121 E. 30th). At 6pm we will hear from MCC International Volunteer Exchange Participants about the work they are doing in Kansas and to hear about Christmas traditions from their home countries of Laos and Egypt. Good food, live music and great fellowship - everyone is welcome to join in the fun!



You are invited to share a poinsettia for the sanctuary for the Christmas Eve Service. Please fill out the information below and place this sheet along with \$12 in the Administrative Assistant's box in the outer office if you are interested. Poinsettias will be purchased for you, and they may be picked up after the Christmas Eve Service. **Deadline for ordering is December 18.**

Donor:

In Memory of:

(or) in Honor of:



TODAY – Organ recital with David Cason, 4 p.m., Administration Building chapel at **Bethel College** (note change in date from some printed calendars).

TODAY – 31st annual Lighting of the Green, 8 p.m., at **Bethel College**.

Kauffman Museum at Bethel College seeks artifacts, letters, photos and documents that tell the story of conscientious objectors during World War I. To learn more, or if you have an item for donation or long-term loan, please contact museum director Annette LeZotte at alezotte@bethelks.edu or 316-283-1612.

Prayer Request from Western District Conference:

Pray for the WDC Church Planting Commission meeting this week, as they seek God's leading in supporting new and emerging congregations in WDC.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency:

Pray with the Bethel College community for the peace and light of Christ to come into the world as faculty, staff, students and friends participate in the 31st annual Lighting of the Green on campus this evening.

Prayer Request from Sabeel:

Strong winds and dry weather have fueled hundreds of fires across Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory last week. Tens of thousands of residents were evacuated from their homes. Major fires in Israel and Palestine are now under control. *We pray for all those affected by the fires that raged for days last week in Israel and Palestine. We especially pray for those who lost their homes, and for the rejuvenation of the destroyed land. We give thanks for those who worked hard to keep the fire at bay and for the many countries, near and far, who responded to the call for help to subdue the blaze. Lord in your mercy...*

November 25th marked the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. According to statistics, the number of Arab women murdered in 2016 by family members and spouses has increased since 2015. On this occasion, 16 days of global activism kicked off. *Lord, as women across the globe face discrimination and violence, we pray for legal and societal changes which will curb the tide of violence against women. May we always be reminded of the daily struggle for justice that the majority of women around the world go through. We pray that perpetrators of violence against women will be held accountable for their actions. Lord in your mercy...*

Visitors from Last Sunday:

Aubrey and Elizabeth McGettrick, Wichita; Edward Goode, Chicago, IL

This Week at Church

Monday	Centering Prayer – Gathering Room	4:15 p.m.
	Yoga	5:30 p.m.
	Sunnyside Neighborhood Association	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	Wellness Group	6:45 p.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall	12:00 p.m.
	Lorraine Avenue Mission Board	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Wellness Committee	7:00 p.m.
	Yoga	4:45 p.m.
	Chancel Choir rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall	12:00 p.m.
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Friday	Yoga	12:00 p.m.
Saturday	Board of Christian Education	11:00 a.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 Book Study Fellowship Hall
Conflict without Casualties by Nate Regier
led by Beverly Baumgartner

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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