

Advent 2017



“Let It Be”

Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church
Wichita, Kansas

Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2017

9:30 a.m.

Worship

10:30 a.m.

Fellowship

10:45 a.m.

Sunday School

*We long to be comforted, we long for change.
Moving from uncertainty and fear, we call upon God
to make things ready – the mountains leveled,
the paths made straight, our hearts prepared.*

Prelude

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Linda Buller, organ

arr. Smith

*Call to Worship

Joel Tieszen

*Leader: Awake! The invitation to carry light comes from the
voice who cries out for a smooth way through wild
places.*

***All: O God, your call is uncomfortable. How can we who
are weak remove the rough and rugged places?
(Silence)***

Leader: Quiet our questioning souls.

All: Lead us into your presence so all can see your way.

Leader: Let it be so.

*Lighting the Advent Candles

Kristina, Hassan and Zahir Everingham

*Hymn

Wild and lone the prophet's voice

SS 8

The Prophecy

Isaiah 40:1-11 HWB 828

Hymn

Comfort, comfort, O my people

HWB 176

Time for Children

Catherine Everingham

The Design of God

Bringing Our First Fruits Offerings

Offertory Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus arr. Prichard
Prayer of Dedication

Anthem	A Great Light Chancel Choir	Larson
The Gospel		Mark 1:1-8 (PB 812)
Sermon		Lois Harder
*Hymn	On Jordan's banks the Baptist's cry	HWB 183

Work of the Church

Welcome and Introductions
Announcements/Activities
Joys/Concerns
Prayer

Leader: O God of blazing heavens, you come to us gently and tenderly, speaking peace and comfort into our fear.

All: We long for you, we yearn for your promise of a new heaven and earth.

Leader: Yet we confess that though we know how to get busy and prepare for this season, we do not know how to slow down or wait and make space for your presence.

All: May our ordinary lives intersect with the power of your Word and the transforming presence of your grace. Empower us to "let it be so".

*Hymn	Prepare the way of the Lord	SS 14
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*Benediction

Postlude	Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus	arr. Manz
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HWB = Hymnal, a Worship Book; SJ = Sing the Journey
PB = Pew Bible; SS = Sing the Story

*Congregation stands

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 Eric and Madeline Crawford. **Nursery workers during worship** are Alison and Guy Wenzel; **during Sunday School**, Betty and Bryce Balton. **Fellowship workers** are Joel and Ruth Tieszen.

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.

Linda Doll has organized and headed up an amazing team from LAMC to help with Operation Holiday. **Kudos to Linda, as well as to: CB Balbierz, Meribeth Buhr, Amanda (Doll) Gabel, Sylvia Schmidt, Hennie Janzen, Dwayne and Sandy Schrag, Chuck Graber, Gerry and Treva Lichti, Nadine Reimer Penner, Anne and Kerm Daum, Sharon Pauls and Yolanda Coria.** They will be volunteering this Friday, December 15. Linda writes, "Operation Holiday will need volunteers on Mon., Tues., and Wed., Dec. 11, 12, 13 to help sort food, as churches, businesses, and civic organizations will be delivering the contents of their Operation Holiday collection boxes. They will come in by the pick-up truck load. If you have time to help those days, just drop in at Operation Holiday to volunteer." Location: old Sears store at Towne WEST Mall, WEST end of the mall, entrance is north of Dicks Sporting Goods marked by an Operation Holiday banner on the side of the building.

Volunteers needed! We have a large group of Kindergarten through 2nd grade Sunday School children (good problem to have) and the teachers could use an extra adult to help out with this enthusiastic group. There will be a sign-up sheet posted outside the classroom. All parents, grandparents and friends are encouraged to volunteer.

Mark your *December* calendar! **The children's Christmas program is December 17, 6:30 p.m.** You are invited to participate in the 2nd Annual Ornament Exchange! Bring any ornament (stars are appreciated) for the children to choose for their home Christmas tree!
Job Opening at LAMC for an Interim Youth Coordinator. This

is a 10 hour/week position starting in January 2018. Job duties include: oversee mentor program, provide leadership in developing the children's Wednesday evening program, meet monthly with the Board of Christian Education, assist and work with youth sponsors in coordinating youth activities, serve on the Vacation Bible School program committee, and lead children's Sunday morning music before Sunday School. For a complete job description and to submit a resume contact Grayce Kaufmann, 293-9646, or Melanie Mitchell, 685-3434. Resumes will be accepted until December 22, 2017.

TODAY– 32nd annual Lighting of the Green at Bethel College, 8:00 p.m.

You're invited to the **annual MCC Christmas Soiree on Thursday, December 14 from 5-7 p.m. at the MCC Center in North Newton** (121 E. 30th St.). Join us for this annual come-and-go event to enjoy food, drinks and great conversation. At 6 p.m., we'll have a short program to hear about MCC's work with refugees in Jordan. Bring your family and friends, we look forward to seeing you! Contact patsydirksen@mcc.org with questions.

Ten Thousand Villages/Fair Trade International Gift Festival is coming to Newton, KS at the Mezzanine above Prairie Harvest, 601 N. Main. It will be open December 8-10, 15-17. Hours on Fridays and Saturdays: 10 am-5 pm. Hours on Sundays: 1-4 pm.



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 17.**

Donor:

In Memory of:

(or) in Honor of:

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:

Margrit Kipfer Barrón, jointly supported by Mission Network and the Swiss Mennonite mission agency, began serving with the Bolivia Mennonite Church in 1993. Pray for her and her husband, Freddy, as they plan new congregations, coordinate Christian education ministries, provide pastoral leadership, and train church leaders.

Prayer Request from Western District Conference:

As we prepare a place for the Christ-child in this Advent season, let us pray for WDC congregations undergoing construction projects to better serve their communities and members.

Prayer Request from *Sabeel*:

Opposition is growing in the world to an expected announcement by Donald Trump that the US will recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

Lord, we pray for the city of peace, our city Jerusalem. May the powerful decision makers abandon tyranny and exclusivity and surrender to your will of justice and inclusivity. We pray for true peace in the city of Jerusalem, the city loved by all its children Lord in your Mercy...

Visitors last Sunday:

Visitors: Roxann Lynne and Brooklyn Brandon, Wichita; Michael Sirmons, Austin, TX

This Week at Church

Monday	Centering Prayer	4:45 p.m.
	Yoga	5:30 p.m.
	Wellness Group	6:45 p.m.
Tuesday	Deacons' Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Yoga	4:45 p.m.
	Music Committee Meeting – Library	6:15 p.m.
	Chancel Choir	6:45 p.m.
Thursday	Lifestyle Strategies – Gathering Room	12:00 p.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall	5:30 p.m.
Friday	Yoga	12:00 p.m.
	Peace Committee	4:00 p.m.

Elementary and Youth Sunday School Classes

Early Childhood (3- 4-year-olds) Shine! Curriculum Room 206
Teachers: Ellen Ebersole and Sylvia Schmidt

Kindergarten – Second Grade Shine! Curriculum Room 201
Teachers: Beth Lichty and Jill Robinson

Third - Fourth Grades Shine! Curriculum Room 202
Teachers: Alison Wenzel and Grayce Kaufmann

Fifth – Eighth Grades Shine! Curriculum Room B-4
Teachers: Nadine Reimer Penner, Julie Dunkelberger,
and Katie Mitchell-Koch

Ninth -Twelfth Grades Generation Why? Curriculum Rm 208
Teachers: Rachel Reimer-Kouame, Joel Ewy, and Jill Robinson

Adult Sunday School Classes

Empowerers Book Study Lois' Office (Basement)
*Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom,
Scientific Knowledge, and the Teaching of Plants*
by Robin Wall Kimmerer

Men's Study Jesus as seen through the eyes Library
of Leo Tolstoy
led by Doug Everingham and Alex Muñoz

Uniform Bible Study Series Gathering Room
led by Rose Moyer

Young Adult Class Choir Room
TED Talks and discussion facilitated by Ruth Tieszen

Faith and Issues Class Fellowship Hall
Holy Currencies: 6 Blessings for Sustainable Missional Ministries
Week 6: Currency of Time and Place

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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Pastor Tom Harder

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Monday is the pastors' day off

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