



For  
unto  
you is  
born this  
day in the  
city of David  
a saviour, which  
is Christ the Lord.

Luke  
2:11

**Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church**  
Wichita, Kansas

First Sunday of Christmas

December 31, 2017

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

Worship  
Fellowship

*We marvel at the vastness of God's plan. We celebrate in exuberant praise what God has done and will continue to do.*

Prelude

What Child Is This  
*DeAnn Diller, piano*

English Melody

\*Call to Worship

Willard Ebersole

*Leader: Yes! We will give thanks and rejoice!*

*All: We will praise the Lord from the heavens, from the heights, and with the angels!*

*Leader: We praise the Lord with the sun and moon! We praise the Creator of the shining stars!*

*All: Fire and hail! Snow and frost! Mountains and hills! Fruit trees and cedars!*

*Leader: Young men and women alike! Children and the aged ones too! Let us praise the name of the Lord.*

*All: Praise the Lord!*

*Leader: Yes! Let all things be new.*

\*Hymn

Good Christian friends, rejoice

HWB 210

The Prophecy

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Hymn

Angels we have heard on high

HWB 197

Time for Children

*The Design of God*

Catherine Everingham

Hymn

The first Noel, the angel did say

HWB 199

Music for Meditation

Sonatina  
*Tyler Waltner, alto sax*

J. Hayden

The Epistle

Galatians 4:4-7 (PB 947)

**Prayer Request from Sabeel:**

Last Thursday, the United Nations (UN) General Assembly adopted a resolution rejecting US President Donald Trump’s recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and his plans to move the US embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. The world stood united and refused the bullying of the United States of America. *Lord, we give thanks for the adoption of the United Nations resolution rejecting the unjust recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel by the USA. May the resolution be a reminder to all the oppressed in the world that Justice is not dead and that freedom is coming. Lord in your mercy...*

Pope Francis and Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, used their traditional Christmas Day message to make oblique criticism of Donald Trump over the Jerusalem decision. *Lord, we give thanks to all the prophetic voices in your Church. During this blessed season of Christmas, may the kings who rule our world accept that the message of the baby in the manger will never be hushed. Lord in your mercy...*

*As 2017 draws to a close and the New Year begins, we take time to remember the events of this past year. The difficulties, the tragedies, and the hardships are fresh in our minds, especially as we think of Syria, Iraq, Egypt, and Gaza. But Lord, please remind us of your daily mercies, your grace, and your promise of peace; though we have trouble in this world, remind us to continually take heart, for you have overcome the world. Lord in your mercy...*

**We join the World Council of Churches in praying for the countries of Japan, North Korea, South Korea and Taiwan. Lord in your mercy...**

**Visitors last Sunday:**

Beth and Theo Beels, Grand Rapids, MI; Melissa Johnston, Stillwater, OK; Austin White, Kali Kerr and Charlotte, Wichita

**This Week at Church**

*Happy New Year!*

Monday		
Tuesday	Women’s Group – Rm 208	9:00 a.m.
Wednesday	Yoga	4:45 p.m.
	Chancel Choir rehearsal	6:45 p.m.
Thursday	Lifestyle Strategies – Gathering Room	12:00 p.m.
	LAMB meeting – Gathering Room	5:00 p.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall	5:30 p.m.
Friday	Yoga	12:00 p.m.

## 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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