

Second Sunday in Advent

"Yes! Let it be!"

December 10, 2017

Musical preparation for worship

Priscilla

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: 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? [pause for silence]

L: Quiet our questioning souls.

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

L: Let it be so.

Hymn SS#12 "Magnificat"

Choir & Congregation

Children's Time

Randy

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world. Every child in every land, Jesus holds them in his hand. Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Announcements

Faith in Action Moment

Delbert Culp

Offering & Advent Giving Jar (for Mennonite Disaster Service--Puerto Rico)

Hymn #204 "Gloria"

Hymn SJ#54 "Longing for light"

Scripture Isaiah 40:3-5

Wisdom & Wonder

Cathy & Klaine

Sermon "Let it be so"

Bob Brown

Choir "The Yearning"

Passing the Friendship Register

Sermon responses, sharing of joys, and introduction of guests

Lighting of Advent Candles

Congregational prayer

Shannon Dycus

Closing Hymn #176 "Come, thou long expected Jesus"

Blessing

Postlude

In lieu of applause, we encourage a hearty "AMEN."

Co-pastors: Bob Brown & Shannon Dycus

Faith Formation Coordinator & Pastoral Intern: Ben Tapper

Trustees: Gloria, Randy, Ralph

Care Team: Annette, Heidi, Ted, Linda, Robin, Mary, Kevin, Rachel, Ben

Worship Leader: Nolan

Song Leader: Erin

Worship Visuals: Maggie, Carol, Emilie

Ministers: Each participant in the congregation

Join us for fellowship following the worship service. Coffee and hot tea will be available during this time.

Children's and youth classes are meeting today.

Sunday school conversations on grievance policy and 2018 budget will be today in the multi-purpose room.

Adult choir is meeting during the Sunday school hour in the sanctuary. Jana Miller is the director.

Today and upcoming at FMC

Friday, December 15: Women's Bible study meets each Friday at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday, December 17: Vote on Grievance Policy and 2018 budget

Sunday, December 17: Children's Christmas musical program 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 24: Morning worship 9:30 a.m.;
Christmas Eve service at 7:00 p.m.

Birthdays

There are still copies of a family Advent devotional guide available for you to pick up on the welcome table--one per household, please.

All **children ages 3-6** are invited to meet in the overflow room at the back of the sanctuary between worship and Sunday school TODAY to practice songs for the children's Christmas program on December 17. Even if you missed the first two practices, there is still time to join today! There will be one last practice on Saturday, December 16 at 9:00 a.m.

PRAYER CONCERNS - December 10, 2017

- Pray for James who was in an accident on November 5 and is continuing to have neck and back pain.
- Pray for neighbors of Leslie, Mohammed and NeNe and their five children, dealing with immigration issues.
- Pray for John recovering from back surgery.
- Pray for Lynn and Maurice and families. Maurice's father died last Sunday, December 3. There is a card to sign. Lynn's brother-in-law, Tom, has stage four lung cancer is also in hospice. Pray for comfort for all.
- Pray for Donna who had surgery last Monday for breast cancer. She will be having radiation therapy.
- Pray for Erin who is struggling with severe anxiety. While there has been improvement, there are still concerns. Pray for both Erin and Mike as they work through this.
- Pray for Leslie as she continues to recover at home and receive therapy on a regular basis.

Please note that all prayer requests should be given to one of the pastors by 9:00 a.m. Friday morning. For Sunday morning additions, please speak to the person doing the congregational prayer before worship.

Isaiah 40:3-5 (NRSV)

A voice cries out:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,

and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

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