

Third Sunday in Advent

"Yes! Let it be!"

December 17, 2017

Musical preparation for worship

Robert

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Awake! The invitation to carry light comes from the God of restoration.

All: O God, you amaze us with your promise to build up the ancient ruins. You

say you will replace the ashes of the past with garlands of beauty.

Your bold

vision dazzles our doubting souls.

[pause for silence]

L: Quiet our questions.

All: Lead us beyond our fears, and guide us on the path to peace.

L: Let it be whole.

Hymn SS#12 "Magnificat" Choir & Congregation, Instrumentalists

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

Congregational vote on grievance policy and budget for 2018

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

Hymn #204 "Gloria"

Hymn #176 "Comfort, comfort, O my people"

Scripture Luke 1:46b-55

Wisdom & Wonder

Sermon "My Soul Magnifies the Lord"

Shannon Dycus

Hymn of response SS #124 "My soul cries out"

Passing the Friendship Register

Sermon responses, sharing of joys, and introduction of guests

Lighting of Advent Candles

Congregational prayer

Bob Brown

Choir "All is well"

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: Erv

Song Leader: Emilie

Choir Director: Jana

Choir Accompanist: Priscilla

Drama: Cathy & Klaine

Instrumentalists: Andrew, Jonah, Isaiah, Jason, Melanie

Greeters: Jim & Bob

Ushers: Marilyn & Ralph

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.

There are no Sunday school classes today. The Children's Ed classes will present their Christmas musical program at 11:00 a.m. Make your way to the sanctuary after fellowship time.

There are no Sunday school classes on December 24 and 31.

Upcoming at FMC

Sunday, December 24: Morning worship 9:30 a.m.

Christmas Eve service at 7:00 p.m.

Cookies and punch following the service.

December 25-January 1: The church office will be closed and there will not be a weekly e-mail.

Sunday, January 14: Faith in Action Sunday

Birthdays

PRAYER CONCERNS - December 17, 2017

- Pray for Lynn and Maurice and families. Maurice's father died Sunday, December 3. Lynn's brother-in-law, Tom May, passed away this week of lung cancer. Pray for comfort for all.
- 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 Donna who 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.

Luke 1:46b-55 (NRSV)

My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.

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