

First Sunday in Christmastide

"Yes! Let it be new!"

December 31, 2017

Musical preparation for worship

Pattie Mishler

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Yes! We will give thanks and rejoice!

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

L: 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!

L: Young men and women alike! Children and aged ones too!

Let us praise the name of the Lord.

All: Praise the Lord!

L: Yes! Let all things be new.

Hymn #210 "Good Christian friends, rejoice"

Children's Time

Jeremy South

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

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

Hymn #204 "Gloria"

Scripture Hebrews 1:1-3, 2:1-4

Congregational question: Do we know God's ideas?

Wisdom & Wonder

Hymn of response SJ#13 "My soul is filled with joy" v. 1-3

Congregation question: How do we proceed when we don't?

Hymn of response SJ#13 "My soul is filled with joy" v. 4,5

Passing the Friendship Register

Service responses, sharing of joys, and introduction of guests

Congregational prayer

Tapper

Ben

Closing hymn #318 "Joy to the world"

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: Marj

Song Leader: Jana

Drama: Cathy & Klaine

Ushers: LuEtta & Delbert

Greeters: Jim & Bob

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.

Upcoming at FMC

Sunday, January 7: Last collection Sunday for the Giving Jar for Mennonite Mennonite Disaster Service in Puerto Rico.

Sunday, January 7: All- church Sunday school class "FMC Jeopardy"

Sunday, January 14: Faith in Action Sunday

Sunday, January 21: Sunday school classes resume for children and youth.

Birthdays

testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

PRAYER CONCERNS - December 31, 2017

- Pray for Mennonite Mission Network missionaries Peter and Delicia Wigginton. Their baby Ariana is having small seizures and is being evaluated by specialists in Quito, Ecuador. Pray for the entire family as this has been stressful.
- Pray for Sherry who is now recovering at home from pneumonia and a light heart attack.
- Pray for Doug as he completes his work for Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference. There is a card to sign for Doug.
- Pray for Lynn and Maurice and families. Maurice's father died Sunday, December 3. Lynn's brother-in-law, Tom, passed away this week of lung cancer. Pray for comfort for all.
- Pray for neighbors of Leslie, Mohammed and NeNe and their five children, dealing with immigration issues.
- 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.

Hebrews 1:1-3; 2:1-4 NIV

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

We must pay the most careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away. For since the message spoken through angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment, how shall we escape if we ignore so great a salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him. God also

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