

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

December 5, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

ORGANIST --- Scott Lehman † WORSHIP LEADER --- Brent Hyman

Prelude *O Come, All Ye Faithful*/Diemer

Welcome Brent Hyman

#245 [brown] *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (vs. 1-3)

Candle of Peace (Malachi 3:1-4 & Luke 3:1-6) Cory, Allison, Zoey, Jack, and Jasper Sprunger

*#176 [blue] *Comfort, Comfort, O My People*

*#195 [blue] *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* (vs. 1,3,4,5)

**Light of the World*

Witness His Majesty: The Shepherd's Wife Skit Guys
Lana Shoaf

Glory to God in the Highest Pergolesi
Chancel Choir with Messiah soloists Lisa Moore and Loralee Songer

#245 [brown] *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (vs. 4)
Children ages 4-5th grade may walk to Children's Church.

Scripture: Philippians 4:4-9 Michael Mosser

Message *Bring Us Peace*/Pastor Jeff Linthicum

**O Come, All You Unfaithful/Sweet Hour of Prayer*

Prayer and Share/Offering Kathy Bauman

*#277 [brown] *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

*Benediction Pastor Jeff Linthicum

*Postlude *Ding! Dong! Merrily on High*/Pethel

If you would like someone to pray with you following the service, please go to the chapel, as someone is waiting to pray with you.

TODAY AT FIRST MENNONITE

- 9:00 a.m.** Sunday School (chapel): Heidi Lehman (broadcast live)
3:00 p.m. *Handel's Messiah* (Christmas section only) will be presented by the Choral Society under the direction of Brent Hyman. An offering will be received. Come and let *Handel's Messiah* be a part of your Christmas preparation.

NO EVENING SERVICE

- 8:00 p.m.** Youth Bell Choir

The poinsettia in the east hallway is in loving memory of Dale, Elaine and Maxiene Lantz and Susie Baumgartner, and has been provided by the Dick Lantz family.

The flowers on the organ are in memory of Erma & Lee Neuen, and have been provided by their family.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

TUESDAY – December 7

- 6:30 p.m.** Sunshine Hour (not on livestream; listen on scanner)

WEDNESDAY – December 8

- 5:45 p.m.** Fellowship Meal
6:10 p.m. Jam and Mennonotes Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Ages 0-3: Toddler Nursery
7:00 p.m. Ages 4-K: Room at the bottom of the ramp
7:00 p.m. Grades 1-5: Family Life Center
7:00 p.m. Youth Advent series: "Preparations for the Christ and for the Cross" in the youth room; doors open at 6:00 p.m. to hang out
7:00 p.m. Tom Fox: Another Psalm (chapel)
7:00 p.m. "Journeying Through Grief" class led by Marcia Cressman in the Heritage Room
7:00 p.m. Praise & Worship led by Darin Ringger in Room 13
7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, Women's Ministries and Quilting
8:15 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commission Affirmation Balloting: Commission affirmation balloting is today and will be held on the main level by the chapel wall. This is taking place before Sunday School and church, and also after the church service. You are eligible to affirm each commission under which you serve. You do not have to be a commission or a committee member to affirm, only serve. You should vote for each commission under which you serve.

Commission nominees this year are as follows: Worship: Dean Lehman and Sam Steiner; Care: Amy Tumbleson and Jim Buckingham; Witness: Tim Sprunger and Rick Sprunger; Disciple: Kathy Bauman and Matt Wheeler.

Menu for Wednesday, Dec. 8: Ham loaf, peas, scalloped potatoes, sheet cake & beverages.

Wednesday Meal Set-Up: On Tuesdays for the month of December, Class 96 is responsible for setting up tables for the Wednesday evening meal. **January 2022 set-up is the Cornerstone class.**

Christmas Eve Service: This year's Christmas Eve Service was inadvertently omitted from the calendar on the back page of the November *Update*. The service will be at 10:00 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 24, with the prelude beginning at 9:30 p.m.

Bob Sprunger Testimonies for the *Update*: We are collecting testimonies about the impact of Bob Sprunger's ministry here at First Mennonite. If you would like to share a way Bob impacted you, please write it out and share it by leaving it in the *Update* Editor mailbox or email to joanne@firstmennonite.org or jen@firstmennonite.org.

Toddler Gym Date Change: Toddler Gym Jump Around is moving to the third Thursday this month (Dec. 16) due to setting up Night in Bethlehem.

Night in Bethlehem: One week from tonight is NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM! We need newspapers, artificial plants/trees and baskets! Please bring them to the FLC entrance by Wednesday. Also, several spots are still open for volunteers – see the chapel wall to see how you can help!

Sunday School Teachers: The Disciple Commission wants to say "THANK YOU!" for serving Him by teaching in kids, youth, and adult classes! Please pick up your gift on the table in the foyer today!

Remember our Missionaries: This is a good time for each of us to send an email or card to any of our missionaries letting them know you are remembering them. This will be especially appreciated as Christmas approaches, and many are away from family. Prayer support is vital.

Adams County Strong: SAVE THE DATE! The Adams County Strong Marriage conference will be Jan. 28-29, 2022. Mark your calendars now and be watching for details!

Mennonite Youth Choir: All kids in grades 3-9 (any church affiliation) are invited to sing in the Mennonite Youth Choir Festival on March 5-6, 2022. The 2022 festival will be held right here at First Mennonite Church! Mark your calendars now! Check out more information and/or register at mennoniteyouthchoir.com.

Spiritual Guidance Cabinet would like to offer a prayer for healing as well as anointing with oil to anyone struggling with health issues. James 5:14-15. Contact Darin Ringger, 260-820-0191.

God calls us to encourage each other. Here is a list of the December birthdays for missionaries and church staff. You may place your cards in the designated basket in the foyer, and these will be sent for you.

12 Josh Linthicum (Jeff)	18 Bonnie Flueckiger	18 Seth Ringger
19 Megan Linthicum	22 Gordon Claassen	28 Brent Hyman
29 Camden Hyman (Brent)		

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to June & Rick Liechty, Kent Christy, David Christy, and other family and friends in the death of Deloris Christy on Nov. 27.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Linda Sprunger, Tim & Suanne Sprunger, and other family and friends in the death of Rev. Bob Sprunger on Nov. 24.

YOUTH

Christmas Breakfast: Youth Sunday School Christmas breakfast is on Sunday, Dec. 19.

Christmas Party: Youth Group Christmas Party is on Wednesday, Dec. 22.