

# FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

December 15, 2019

10:00 a.m.

## WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

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

Prelude

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly/Guilmant*

\*#271 [brown] *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You*

Welcome

Brent Hyman

\*Advent Candle of Joy Jason, Amber, Cooper, Stella, and Sawyer McAlhaney

Isaiah 35:1-10

\**Angels We Have Heard on High*

\**Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)*

Special Music: *Petit Enfant*

Schram

Mennonotes

Offering Prayer

Malcolm Stauffer

Offertory: *How Great Our Joy*

Schuster

Trumpet Trio: Matt Wheeler, Chris Hyman, and Steve Sommer

Guests, please fill out the cards in the pew and drop in the offering plate.

Children ages 4 – Grade 4 may walk to Children's Church.

**Elementary children's church will be in the spotlight room today. Please pick up your kids there following the service.**

Message

*Brings Us Joy/Pastor Jeff Linthicum*

\*#178 [blue] *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Prayer and Share

Pastor Jim Schwartz

Announcement

\*#273 [brown] *Good Christian Men, Rejoice (v.2)*

\*Benediction

Pastor Jeff Linthicum

\*Postlude

*Joy to the World/Cherwein*

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

On the scanner and TV today is the Helping Hands Class.

5-8 p.m.

Night In Bethlehem in the Family Life Center.

## ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

### MONDAY – December 16

7:00 p.m. Ministries Council

### TUESDAY – December 17

6:30 p.m. Sunshine Hour

6:30 p.m. Prayer in the Prayer room

### WEDNESDAY – December 18

5:00 p.m. Grace Notes Bell Choir

5:45 p.m. Fellowship Meal

6:10 p.m. Little Notes of Praise – Rm 17 (4 yrs.– 1<sup>st</sup> grade)

6:10 p.m. JAM Choir – Rm. 7/8 (1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade SS room) (2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade)

6:10 p.m. Mennonotes – Choir room (grades 6-8)

7:00 p.m. Chapel– Pastor Jim Schwartz: *A Tale of Two Lambs*

7:00 p.m. Service Project for Love Abundant – The Backpack Project. Participants of all ages will assist in assembling the backpacks with the items that will be placed inside. Assistance will also be needed in tying blankets for the backpacks.

7:00 p.m. Prayer Group – Prayer room

8:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**On Tuesdays for the month of December**, Class 96 will be responsible for setting up tables for the Wednesday evening meals.

**The menu for December 18:** Ham, baked potatoes, baked beans, ice cream sandwiches, (hot dogs for kids), and beverages.

**New flower calendar** for 2020 has been placed on the bulletin board by the church office. You're invited to sign up for Sundays at your convenience.

**Hymn singers are invited** to sing over the noon hour in the health care dining rooms of Swiss Village on Tuesday, December 17. Meet at the fireplace in the main lobby at 11:35. We'll get hymn books and go to each of the four health care dining rooms. The time required is about an hour. Voices are needed, so please come!

**Attention Snowbirds!** If you are one of those fortunate beings heading south to beat the cold, please remember to leave your address with the church office.

**If you're new** to First Mennonite, please stop by the Welcome Center out in the foyer, and find out more information about First Mennonite.

**Are you looking for some Christmas stories?** Check out the books and DVDs on the library table in the foyer and on the Christmas shelves just inside the door in the church library.

**Sunday, December 22**, is our annual music Sunday. Due to Night in Bethlehem, there is NOT a separate kids' music program, so ALL KIDS ages 2-grade 5 will be participating in this service! Kids will not need to be picked up after Sunday School but will be dismissed to their parents after they sign in the service.

**Anyone interested** in attending Lancaster Conference's annual "Celebration of Church Life" in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, April 3–4, please call the church office to express your interest.

**Teacher Appreciation gifts** - The Disciple Commission would like to say THANK YOU to all Sunday School teachers, children's church teachers, and their helpers, Wednesday night, and youth small group leaders. Please stop by the table in the foyer today to pick up your gift!

**Women's Retreat-** Ever wonder why friendships seem so hard? Ever wonder why you desire great depth in your relationship but can't seem to find it? Desiring peace in your life but unable to find it? Join us for "Real Relationships" at Lake Placid Retreat Center. January 31- February 1. The cost is \$75. If you have any questions, contact Becca Amstutz at 260-525-4002.

**Treasurers of Sunday School classes,** Chancel Choir, Mennonite Choral Society, please turn in your year-end reports by December 29.

**Offering envelopes** are still available to be picked up. If you do not yet have your envelopes, please locate them on the table in the hallway on Sunday mornings or pick them up from the church office. Envelopes will not be mailed, except for out-of-town members.

**Individual Year-End Giving** – In order for year-end contributions to be credited to this year's giving, they must be received at the church office, or postmarked, by December 31. The church office will be open until noon on December 31. Contributions received after December 31 will be posted as 2020 giving.

**Year-end reports** for Ministries Council, Spiritual Guidance Cabinet, Board of Trustees, Adult Ministries Committee, Endowment Board of Trustees, Worship Commission, Witness Commission, Care Commission, Disciple Commission, and pastors, for the Annual Business Meeting, are due to the church office no later than January 3, 2020.

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

18 Bonnie Flueckiger 19 Megan Linthicum 26 Mary Hope Stucky  
28 Brent Hyman 29 Camden Hyman

## Youth News

December 18th - Youth Christmas Party from 6:30 pm to 8 pm down in the youth room. We will have snack foods available to eat. We will be playing "Name that Christmas Carol" where youth will have to play an instrument to a Christmas carol, and others will have to try and guess what it is. We will play the saran wrap ball game once again and we will top it off with our gift exchange reading. Please bring a \$5 gift if you want to participate. We will close the night out with singing Silent Night.

January 31st-February 2nd is our Senior High Winter Retreat to Camp Luz. The cost is \$50 for the first child and \$30 for the second child. The deadline to turn forms and money in is January 26th. Forms and sign-ups are out at the table. Contact Pastor Bill if you have any questions.

February 14th-16th is our Junior High Winter Retreat to Camp Luz. The cost is \$50 for the first child and \$30 for the second child. The deadline to turn forms and money in is January 26th. Forms and sign-ups are out at the table. Contact Pastor Bill if you have any questions.