

# UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday Service December 11, 9:30 am

Greeters: Joyce & Marvin Hall	Worship Leader: Esther Prins
Pastor: Marv Friesen	Song Leader: Mark King
Hosts: Fellowship Meal	Ushers: Nel Kopp, Rodney Brubaker,
Childcare (0-4 years): available in the nursery	and Jim Rosenberger

## Third Sunday of Advent

**Focus Statement:** *God's healing is at hand. Come, walk in the way of God's heart.*

### GATHERING

**Prelude** – Ruth Parrish Sauder

### Gathering Hymns

STS #1, "Praise the One who breaks the darkness"

STS #12, "Magnificat"

**Call to Worship** (back of bulletin)

### Lighting of Advent Wreath and Peace Lamp

STS #3, "Come, Light of the world"

### Welcoming Visitors

### PRAISING

**Responsive Reading** (bulletin insert)

**CONFESSING/RECONCILING** (back of bulletin)

### HEARING GOD'S WORD

**Children's Time** – Marvin Hall

**Scripture Readings** – Alison & Jeremy Gernand

Isaiah 35:1-10 (p. 578); Matthew 11:2-11 (p. 792)

**Sermon** – Marv Friesen, "A Worthwhile Sacrifice?"

### RESPONDING

**Special Music** – Mike Bratt, "Hallelujah"

**Hymn of Response** – HWB #176, "Comfort, comfort, O my people"

**Offering** – Ezra and/or Jude Gernand & Lily Glenna

**Sharing of Joys & Concerns**

### SENDING

**Announcements**

**Benediction** (back of bulletin)

**Sending Hymn** – STS #124, "My soul cries out"

Sunday School (second hour) – see announcements insert

### Prayer Requests

**MMN:** Mennonite churches in Bolivia have vacation Bible school this month. Margrit Kipfer Barrón, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, helps prepare the curriculum and train teachers. Pray that the Spirit of God will move in a powerful way among the children who attend and their families.

**MEA:** Please pray for students at Eastern Mennonite Seminary as they prepare for exams and Advent and Christmas worship services in this busy season.

**Church Information:** [www.universitymennonite.org](http://www.universitymennonite.org)

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DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN INCLUSION: Thursday, 12:00 noon

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**University Mennonite Church's safe-child policy** demonstrates our commitment to the physical safety and the spiritual growth of all our children and youth, ages birth to 18, as well as to our volunteers who care for them. The complete policy is posted in the lobby entrances and in the nursery room.

**To reserve space for your event or meeting in our meetinghouse**, please contact Carolyn Brubaker, 237-6602. **To participate in the UMC email list**, sign up at [www.universitymennonite.org/mailling-lists](http://www.universitymennonite.org/mailling-lists).

**Upcoming Events:** For more details, go to [www.universitymennonite.org/calendar](http://www.universitymennonite.org/calendar)

### December

Sun 11	Potluck Fellowship Meal 12:00 pm
Mon 12	Shape Note Singing 7:00 pm
Tue 13	Men's Fellowship Breakfast 7:00 am
Wed 14	Student Ministry Student Advisory Committee 7:30 pm
Sun 18	Children's Christmas Program 11:10 am
Tue 20	Worship Committee Meeting 7:00 pm
Sat 24	Christmas Eve Service 7:00 pm
Sun 25	Informal Christmas Service 10:00 am
Tue 27	Men's Fellowship Breakfast 7:00 am

### January

Wed 4	Elders Meeting 6:30 pm
Wed 4	Leadership Team Meeting 7:30 pm
Sun 8	Potluck Fellowship Meal 12:00 pm
Mon 9	Shape Note Singing

*Recordings of each worship service are available at  
[universitymennonite.org/worshiprecordings](http://universitymennonite.org/worshiprecordings)*

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## Announcements, December 11, 2016

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**Sunday School:** There will be Sunday school at 11:10 following the service. There will be adult Sunday school upstairs in the sanctuary, and there will be options for children and youth of all ages in the basement.

**3rd Way Collective Highlights:** We have arrived at exam week after a busy and challenging semester with more than 50 events and activities on campus and in our community! Our final gathering will be an exam week lunch on Monday at noon. We encourage everyone to continue joining the weekly Standing at the Gates for Justice vigil happening every Monday from 4-5pm. All are welcome!

For our full schedule and to find out how to support this ministry please visit [3rdWayCollective.org](http://3rdWayCollective.org) or contact [ben@3rdwaycollective.org](mailto:ben@3rdwaycollective.org). A new monthly reflection will also be posted at <http://www.3rdwaycollective.org/category/blog/>

### **Fellowship Meal Today at Noon**

Everyone is invited to stay for a delicious carry-in meal. There is always enough for everyone and you are invited to stay whether you planned to or not. There will be labels for vegan, vegetarian, gluten free and especially any dishes containing nuts.

### **December 18 Children's Christmas Program**

Everyone is invited to the Children's Christmas Program during the Sunday School hour. After the worship service the adults will leave the sanctuary and go downstairs for coffee while the children dress. When the children are ready (at about 11:10am), adults will be given the signal to take their coffee to the sanctuary and enjoy the program.

After the program, everyone will return to the fellowship hall for refreshments. Tamales, cider and a piñata will be provided.

Please bring a snack to share if you would like, such as cookies or fruit. (Anything with nuts will need to be labeled.)

**Christmas Day Service:** Join us for an informal, interactive Sunday morning service on Christmas Day. We will meet at 10 AM downstairs followed by a fellowship time. Please bring an inexpensive "stocking stuffer" wrapped gift to exchange during our offering time - bring as many as you would like to receive. See Bethany, Sharon, Karen R., or Meredith with questions.

**Thank you to all who contributed to support the 3rd Way Collective this year!** Contact me if you want to know if you have an outstanding pledge. If you want to make a pledge, there are forms on the counter in the lobby. UMC treasurer, Jim Rosenberger ([JLR@psu.edu](mailto:JLR@psu.edu))

**Responsive Reading:** Psalm 146:5-10 and Luke 1:47-55

**Congregation: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.**

Mary: My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

**Congregation: Our hope is in the one who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them.**

Mary: For the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is God's name.

**Congregation: Our hope is in the one who keeps faith forever;  
who executes justice for the oppressed;  
who gives food to the hungry;  
who sets the prisoners free;  
who opens the eyes of the blind;  
who lifts up those who are bowed down;  
who loves the righteous;  
who watches over the strangers;  
who upholds the orphans and the widow.**

Mary: The Lord has shown mercy from generation to generation;  
lifted up the lowly and filled the hungry with good things.

**Congregation: The way of the wicked God brings to ruin.**

Mary: The Lord has shown strength with his arm;  
has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;  
brought down the powerful from their thrones;  
and sent the rich away empty.

**Congregation: The Lord will reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, for all generations.**

Mary: God has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and Sarah and to their descendants forever.

**Congregation: Praise the Lord!**