

# UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday Service December 18, 9:30 am

Greeter: Karen Rath	Worship Leader: Cathy Bresee
Pastor: Marv Friesen	Song Leaders: Faith & Mark King
Hosts: Sharon & Tom Spicher	Ushers: Nel Kopp, Rodney Brubaker,
Childcare (0-4 years): available in the nursery	and Jim Rosenberger

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

### GATHERING

**Prelude** – Sister Song

### Gathering Hymns

HWB #184, “Hark! The glad sound”

HWB #182, “Oh, how shall I receive thee”

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

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath and Peace Lamp**

STS #3, “Come, light of the world”

**Welcoming Visitors**

### PRAISING

**Responsive Reading** (bulletin insert)

**Offering** – Kathleen and Rick Stehouwer

**Offertory** – Mike Bratt

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

### HEARING GOD'S WORD

**Children's Time** – Betty Brockett

**Scripture Readings** – Krista and Joel Weidner

Isaiah 7:10-16 (p. 554); Matthew 1:18-25 (p. 783)

**Sermon** – Marv Friesen, “Restoring Relationships”

### RESPONDING

**Hymn of Response**

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

### SENDING

**Announcements**

**Benediction**

**Sending Hymn** – HWB #209, “Oh, how joyfully”

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No Sunday School – Children's Christmas Program instead

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### Prayer Requests

**MMN:** Tom and Disa Rutschman, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, have shared Jesus as the Light of the World through many long winters on the Arctic Circle in Sweden. Pray that this year they may again create sparks of life through teaching in schools and the leadership they provide at Jokkmokk Free Church.

**MEA:** Pray for the tutors and students of the 38 Anabaptist Biblical Institute-IBA study centers who meet weekly for their study sessions. May God grant the tutors wisdom, patience, and lots of energy in their ministry of teaching. Also, pray that the students become essential instruments in the Hispanic churches as we build the Kingdom of God.

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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 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

Tue 10 Men's Fellowship Breakfast 7:00 am

Wed 11 Student Ministry Advisory Committee Meeting 7:30 pm

Thu 19 Worship Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

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

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## Announcements, December 18, 2016

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**Sunday School:** There will be no Sunday school today for either adults or children because of the Children's Christmas Program during the Sunday school hour.

### **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.

**3rd Way Collective:** 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/>

**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.

### **Responsive Reading – Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19**

Leader: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,  
you who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth!

**People: Restore us, O God;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

Leader: Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,  
the one whom you made strong for yourself.

**People: Restore us, O God;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

Leader: We will never turn back from you;  
Give us life, and we will call upon your name.

**People: Restore us, O God;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved.**