

UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday Service December 24, 2017 9:30 am

Greeter: Eric Smith	Worship Leader: Karen Rath
Pastor: In Transition	Song Leader: Hal Kunkel
Hosts: Leah & Fidele Lumeya	Ushers: Nel Kopp, Rodney Brubaker, and Jim Pierce
Childcare (0-4 years): available in the nursery	

Advent 4: Yes! Let it be now

Focus statement: *Infused with God's vision, we proclaim with confidence, "Let it be with us according to your word!"*

Prelude – Otis Pierce

Call to Worship (back of bulletin)

Lighting of Advent Candles

Gathering Hymns

HWB 212, *O come, all ye faithful*

HWB 209, *Oh, how joyfully*

Welcoming Visitors

Offering

Offertory Hymn – HWB 383, *God, whose giving*

Prayer

Children's Time – Becky Kephart & Vonda Yoder

Confession & Words of Assurance (back of bulletin)

Hymn – HWB 211, *Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming*

Scripture Readings

2 Samuel 7:1-11,16 (p. 245); Luke 1:46b-55 (p. 832)

Sermon – Diana Malcom, "Mary's Consent: Peace and Purpose"

Hymn of Response – STJ 13, *My soul is filled with joy*

Sharing of Joys & Concerns – Karen Rath

Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

Sending Hymn – HWB 191, *O little town of Bethlehem*

No Sunday School today – see announcements insert

Prayer Requests

MMN: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for all those who have left homes and families for the sake of the gospel. May they be embraced by the global family of God and be blessed by discovering fresh insights into the meaning of Christmas.

MEA: Pray with thanksgiving for the supporting congregations of Iowa Mennonite School in Kalona, Iowa who see the value in their mission as they work to serve Christ.

Church Information: www.universitymennonite.org

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Submissions for bulletin or email announcements: umcbulletin@yahoo.com

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** university-mennonite-sharing-list+subscribe@googlegroups.com.

Upcoming Events: For more details, go to www.universitymennonite.org/calendar

December

Sun 24 Christmas Eve Service 6:30 pm

Tue 26 Men's Fellowship Breakfast 7:00 am

January

Wed 3 Leadership Team Meeting 6:30 pm

Wed 3 Elders Meeting 7:30 pm

Mon 8 Shape Note Singing

Tue 9 Men's Fellowship Breakfast 7:00 am

Tue 9 Student Ministry Advisory Committee 7:30 pm

Sun 14 Potluck Fellowship Meal

Thu 18 Worship Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

Mon 22 Shape Note Singing 7:00 pm

Tue 23 Men's Fellowship Breakfast 7:00 am

Wed 24 Fellowship Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

Recordings of each worship service are available at

<http://www.universitymennonite.org/worship-service-reco>

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