

# UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday Service December 23, 2018 9:30 am

Pastor: Kate Heinzl	Worship Leader: Gloria Horst Rosenberger
Song Leaders: Faith King	Accompanist: Becky Kephart
Prelude: Becky Kephart	Greeter: Karen Rath
Hosts: Gladys & Carl Keener	Ushers: Rodney Brubaker, Fidele Lumeya,
Childcare (0-4 years): available in the nursery	and Jim Rosenberger

## Fourth Sunday of Advent: Blessing and Restoration

**Focus statement:** *On this final Sunday of Advent we delight with Mary in the blessing bestowed on all God's people through the gift of Christ. In preparation for Christmas Day we humble ourselves before God's greatness—our Messiah who comes to restore the world. We rejoice that Jesus came into the world to be our light, our peace, and our example.*

**Prelude** – Becky Kephart

**Call to Worship**

**Hymn** – HWB 189, *To us a Child of hope is born*

**Lighting the Advent Candles**

Anders Woods – Isaiah 9: 2,6 (NIV)

**Hymns** – HWB 208, *Love came down at Christmas*  
HWB 107, *Blessed Savior, we adore thee*

**Children's Time** – Fran Osseo-Asare  
STS 16, *Love before us*

**Offering**

**Offertory** – Sister Song

**Scripture Reading** – Bethany and Micah Spicher Schonberg  
Judges 16:23-31 (p. 204); Ecclesiastes 1:1-9 (p. 536)

**Sermon** – Brendan Prawdzik, “Slow Salvation”

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

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns** – Karen Rath

**Welcome of Visitors**

**Announcements**

**Benediction**

**Sending Song** – STJ 13, *My soul is filled with joy*

No Sunday school today

## Prayer Requests

**MMN:** In this season of “Peace on earth, goodwill to all people,” Nancy Frey and Bruce Yoder of Mennonite Mission Network request prayer for peace in Burkina Faso, where terrorist groups have become more active. May the Mennonite Church show the way to the Prince of Peace.

**MEA:** Pray for fruitful teaching and learning during the first trimester of 2019 at Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano (SeBAH). Pray for SeBAH supporters and the many Hispanic/Latino churches that have benefited from SeBAH's ministry. Pray that God brings all the funds needed for this fiscal year's teaching program.

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

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Submissions for bulletin or email announcements: [umbulletin@yahoo.com](mailto:umbulletin@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](http://university-mennonite-sharing-list+subscribe@googlegroups.com).

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

December

- Mon 24 Christmas Eve Service 7:00 pm
- Sun 30 Hymn Sing in Worship Service 9:30 am

January

- Mon 7 Worship Committee Meeting 7:00 pm
- Tue 8 Men's Fellowship Breakfast (Foxdale) 7:00 am
- Thu 10 Leadership Team Meeting 6:30 pm
- Thu 10 Elders Meeting 7:30 pm
- Sun 13 Potluck Fellowship Meal 12:00 pm
- Mon 14 Shape Note Singing 7:00 pm
- Tue 15 Student Ministry Advisory Committee 7:00 pm
- Tue 22 Men's Fellowship Breakfast (Corner Room) 7:00 am
- Wed 23 Fellowship Committee Meeting 7:00 pm
- Mon 28 Shape Note Singing 7:00 pm

Recordings of each worship service are available at  
<http://www.universitymennonite.org/worship-service-recordings>

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