

UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday Service December 22, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Focus Statement - *What am I waiting for? When I call out to God, God hears me and restores my soul. I am a child of God, called to belong and to be redeemed by grace.*

Prelude

Call to worship – Matthew Rooke (see back of bulletin)

Lighting advent candles

Prayer (see back of the bulletin)

Singing – Mark King

HWB 174 - Bless'd be the God of Israel

HWB 184 - Hark! The glad sound

Responsive reading from Psalm 80

Leader: Stir up your might, and come and save us!

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

Leader: Let your hand be upon us and make us strong.

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

Leader: Give us life, and we will call on your name.

All: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Confession

God, we tire of waiting.

We tire of scandal. We tire of bad news.

We tire of requests for time, money, and soul.

We tire of these because we frequently consider ourselves more righteous than we ought.

Forgive us our stingy impatience, and grant us your generous Spirit.

(silence)

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts. Let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Welcome of visitors

Children's time with Marvin Hall

Children are welcomed forward while congregation sings

HWB 20 Come and see

Scripture Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel',

which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Sermon – Kate Heinzl - *Joseph speaks*

Instrumental music – Mike Bratt

Sharing – Joel Weidner

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

Announcements

Benediction

Sending hymn STS 14 - Prepare the way of the Lord

Pastor: Kate Heinzl	Greeters: Doug & Vonda Yoder
Accompanist: Meredith Wideman	
Ushers: Rodney Brubaker, Jim Rosenberger	

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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 by sending an email to:
university-mennonite-sharing-list+subscribe@googlegroups.com.

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

December

Dec 24 Men's fellowship breakfast, Corner Room 7 am
Christmas Eve service 7 pm

Dec 29 Sunday worship hymn sing

January

Jan 8 Leadership team meeting 6:30 pm
Elders meeting 7:30 pm

Jan 12 Potluck fellowship meal, noon

Jan 14 Men's fellowship breakfast, Foxdale 7 am

Jan 17 Women's fellowship breakfast, Foxdale 8:30 am

Jan 20 Worship committee meeting, 7 pm

Jan 22 Fellowship committee meeting, 7 pm

Jan 28 Men's fellowship breakfast, Corner Room 7 am

Announcements

Good Day Cafe closes early for the next several weeks, so I, Kate, will not be holding 'out of the office' visitation there again until January. I'm flexible and welcome scheduled visits. Feel free to call, text (717-606-2909), or email me at kate@universitymennonite.org to set up a time.

3rd Way Collective Highlights - 3rd Way Collective would like to thank you for your support during another meaningful semester! Penn State winter break is here. We are busy planning the spring semester!

If you would like to host a home-cooked meal, join us for a pub night, or help plan or coordinate some other event or activity, please contact Ben directly! For our full schedule and to find out how to support this ministry, please visit 3rdWayCollective.org or contact ben@3rdwaycollective.org.

Each December our congregation gives a monetary **Christmas gift to our pastors**. If you would like to donate to the gift, please give your contribution to our treasurer, Jim Rosenberger. All contributions should be delivered to Jim by today.

Thanks to everyone who donated food and financial contributions towards the holiday meals for Park Forest Preschool families and to those who donated Panera gift cards for Out of the Cold guests.

A substitute is needed to type and copy the bulletin for Sunday, February 2. If you can help, please contact Joel Weidner, joelpsu82@outlook.com.

Mennonite Disaster Service has several opportunities for volunteers across the United States and in Puerto Rico to help rebuild communities after natural disasters. To find out more visit <https://mds.mennonite.net/current-projects/>

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