
CHURCH INFORMATION

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Masking protocol – To protect those who are vulnerable, masks should be worn in the building for worship.

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.

Our church maintains a Google Group email list to keep members informed about prayer requests and happenings in the community.

Join the email list by sending an email to:

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

Missed worship? Our church services are being recorded and published on our web site at:

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

Church Wi-Fi information – Connect to **umc**, password **mennosimons**



Sunday Worship
December 5, 2021, 10 am
Second Sunday of Advent



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome – Cathy Bresee

Prelude – *Carol of the Bells*, rendition by Revamped
(Sally & Mark Minnich)

Call to worship – Cath Bresee

Lighting the Advent candle – Kris Charles and Nel Kopp

Confession

Prayer of confession

Words of Forgiveness

Special music – *Bring Me Back a Song*, arranged by Ross Hardison

Offertory prayer

Voices of the congregation – Leland Glenna

Tell about a time when you experienced home in an unexpected way

Children's time – Bethany Spicher Schonberg

Introduction to scripture – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Scripture reading – Luke 1:57-80, read by Sarah Jeh

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.' Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbors, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, 'What then will this child become?' For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him. Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy:

'Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

for he has looked favourably on his people and redeemed them.

He has raised up a mighty savior for us

in the house of his servant David,

as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.

Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors,

and has remembered his holy covenant,

the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,

to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies,

might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness

before him all our days.

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

to give knowledge of salvation to his people

by the forgiveness of their sins.

By the tender mercy of our God,

the dawn from on high will break upon us,

to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,

to guide our feet into the way of peace.'

The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

Sermon – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Special music – *Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming*

rendition by Ross Hardison

Sharing time – Pastor Kate

Announcements/birthdays/introduction of visitors – Cathy Breese

Benediction – Cathy Bresee

As you leave this service, your service begins:

Comfort the homesick.

Open your doors to others.

Seek sanctuary.

Be brave enough to go home by another way.

And remember that here in God's house, all are welcomed—so come back soon.

*In the name of our Foundation—God, Spirit, and Son—
go in peace.*

Announcements

Tuesday sharing and prayer - Join us on Tuesdays for a time of scripture, prayer, and an opportunity to share more fully with one another. The Zoom meeting link will be distributed via our email list.

You are invited to receive a daily advent devotional. *Close to Home* by Sanctified Art, as offered by University Mennonite Church. Sign up to have the devotional delivered to your inbox. <http://eepurl.com/hN-PUD>

Park Forest Preschool Christmas gift cards – Please send donations to the church by Friday, December 10. Write checks to UMC and designate “Preschool Christmas Gift” in the memo. Last year we were able to donate thirty \$50.00 gift cards to Park Forest Preschool families. This allowed families to make choices for their holiday celebrations. Park Forest Preschool is a nonprofit, tuition-free school for two-, three-, and four-year-old children from income-qualifying families.

Christmas Eve service planning: Worship committee welcomes your feedback. Ben sent an email earlier this week with the following questions: If we have an in-person, Christmas Eve service at church this year, would you be present in person, or would you prefer to connect on Zoom? Do you have strong feelings if we would consider a Zoom-only Christmas Eve service as we did last year? Please respond, to Ben at ben.wideman@gmail.com

Youth of AMC – Save the dates! Laurelville Retreat offers SnoKamp - February 11-13 (grades 9-12); Junior Youth Retreat - March 18-20 (grades 5-8). Let Kate know if you'd like to learn more.

University Baptist and Brethren Church (UBBC) virtual Alternative Christmas Fair - Consider giving an alternative gift to one of 29 local and international charities. For more details <https://ubbcwelcome.org/acf/>

Abolition Study beginning January 5 - Find out more and sign up at: <http://www.universitymennonite.org/defund-the-police-an-abolition-study/> Share the link and invite your friends.

Volunteering at UMC - Ready to give worship leading a try? Have a good message to share with our children? We welcome any regular attender to help provide leadership on Sunday mornings. Ben and Kate can help you learn how to navigate hybrid worship. Sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4daeae28a0ff2-worship>. We work as a body with many members, learn as a body, offer grace and love to one another as the body of Christ. Join us!

Announcements (cont.)



MCC ACTION ALERT: Support global COVID-19 vaccine production - Scripture reminds us to be steadfast in doing good: “So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up.” (Galatians 6:9) The COVID-19 pandemic continues to cause enormous devastation. To date, 52% of the world’s population has received at least one dose of the vaccine, while only 4% of people in low-income countries have received at least one dose.

Join MCC's Washington Office in asking senators to support the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) that calls for the reallocation of \$98 million in funding to support global vaccine production capacity. Visit <https://mcc.org/get-involved/advocacy/washington> to learn more and take action.

Hybrid worship update - Leadership team decided to continue with hybrid worship, meeting in our sanctuary with the windows *closed*, heat on, exhaust fan running. We ask everyone in the building to continue to wear a mask to promote safety for all.

If you're interested in attending the **mindful meditation sessions** on Monday evenings and Thursday or Friday mornings, contact Pastor Kate (kate@universitymennonite.org) as times and dates vary.

Need help? We are a community with talents, tools, and a willingness to serve each other. If you need help - gathering groceries, raking leaves, etc., let Kate know. There are some here who might be able to lend a hand.

Your offerings support UMC – Don’t forget to support UMC with your financial gifts. Offering baskets are by the doors to the sanctuary or you can make your offering the following ways:

- Mail a check to the church to the attention of our treasurer, 1606 Norma Street, State College PA, 16801
- Donate on the church website at <http://www.universitymennonite.org/donate>
- Set up an automatic payment with your bank (bill pay service)
- Use a service like [Zelle](#)