

# *First Mennonite Church*

*In Christ: making disciples through loving relationships.*

*Worship – 10:00 a.m.*

*December 25, 2016*

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## *CHRIST IS BORN!*

Gathering Music	Shirley Flaming
Welcome and Greetings	Kelly and Pastor Susan
Prelude to Worship	Shirley Flaming
Lighting of the Christmas Candles	

### RECEIVING THE GIFT

\*From Hebrews 1:1-3a Kelly Linnens  
Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word.

\*Call to Worship Kelly Linnens  
Come, Child of Bethlehem,  
**make your presence known to us  
and be with us as we worship.**  
Come, Servant King,  
**teach us the ways of your kingdom  
and make our hearts your home.**  
Come, Brother of all,  
**show us the meaning of our humanity.  
Go before us and lead us to God;  
bring us to the fullness of your kingdom!**

\*Song Joy to the World No. 318

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving Kelly Linnens

Song The First Noel No. 199

Reading John 1:1-5 Kelly Linnens

**Left Side:** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being.

**Right Side:** What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Hymn My soul is filled with joy Grey Sgbk 13  
(Verses 1, 4 and 5)

## SHARING

Children's Story		Pastor Susan
Song	Away in the Manger (traditional melody)	No. 194
Sharing and Prayer		Pastor Susan
Offering		Shirley Flaming

## OPEN SHARING

Reading of John 1:10-13 Kelly Linnens

**Left Side:** He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.

**Right Side:** But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

Song	What child is this	No. 215
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## OPEN SHARING

Prayer		Pastor Susan
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## GOING OUT

Closing Reading of John 1:14, 18 Kelly Linnens

***ALL: And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. . . . No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.***

*Song	O come, all ye faithful	No. 212
*Sending Blessing		Pastor Susan



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## **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

**Tuesday:** Loren Groening

**Wednesday:** Julie Linnens, Doug & Pam Bartel

**Thursday:** Van & Linda Peters

## CALENDAR

Dec. 25	Merry Christmas!
Jan. 1	10 a.m. New Year's Day worship
Jan. 8	Carry-In Meal; Post Holiday Fellowship!
Jan. 11	Wednesday Evening Meal and activities begins
Jan. 29	Annual Meeting following Carry-In

## CARRY-IN MEAL SCHEDULE:

January 8	Post Holiday Fellowship!
January 29	Annual Meeting

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Offerings for 12/18/2016

FMC Ministries.....	\$4,684.16
MCC.....	\$250.00
Year To Date Budget Income.....	\$146,440.73
Year To Date Budget Expenses.....	\$150,145.52
FMC Ministries Fund Balance.....	-\$3,704.79

**Last Week Attendance: 62**

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### CHURCH OFFICE

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