

# *First Mennonite Church*

*Making disciples through loving relationships.*

*Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.-Worship – 10:35a.m.*

*November 29, 2015*

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## **First Sunday of Advent**

### **Come and See**

Gathering Music		Shirley Baltzer
Welcome		Pastor Susan
Lighting the Advent Candle		
Call to Worship		Darrel Knoll
*Hymn	Oh, how shall I receive thee	No. 182
*Invocation		Darrel Knoll
Incarnate God,		
as we enter this season of Advent,		
we remember when the soles of your feet		
touched the earth where we dwell.		
<b>Fill us with gratitude for the gift</b>		
<b>of your coming among us.</b>		
Fill us with awe and wonder.		
Fill us with expectation.		
<b>Help us see you.</b>		
<b>Help us receive you.</b>		
<b>Help us worship you.</b>		
May our worship be part of your declaration		
that this world matters enough		
to enter into it,		
to upend evil within it,		
to hold tight to the good, forever.		
<b>Alleluia, Amen.</b>		
*Prayer Response Song		Congregation
	Christmastime Alleluia!	
Hymn		No. 463
	Let all mortal flesh keep silence	
Advent with the Children		Judy Harder
Offering		Shirley Baltzer
	(Children dismissed to Children's Time)	
Sharing and Prayer		Pastor Susan
Scripture		Darrel Knoll
	Luke 1:67-75, 78-79	
Meditation		Pastor Susan

Communion

Words of Preparation

Receiving Communion

*The Table of Emmanuel* Alonso

\*Hymn

Oh, how shall I receive thee

No. 182

Benediction

Pastor Susan



**WELCOME TO ALL** who are guests this morning. We hope you feel warmly received and experience a time of worship. Please feel free to contact Pastor Susan if you would like to visit.

**TODAY IS THE FIRST SUNDAY** of Advent and the first Sunday of the Christian year. Communion will be served as we walk forward in faith, in community.

**OFFERINGS DURING ADVENT** will include three avenues: our regular giving for our congregation, giving to local need (oranges for Main Street Ministries), and giving around the world (support of the Mennonite Central Committee Comforter Project).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS DURING ADVENT:** We will begin our worship services with candle lighting and not have a designated time for announcements. Please turn in written announcements for the bulletin by 9 a.m. on Thursdays. We will continue to include our time of sharing and prayer during our worship each Sunday and look forward to hearing from each other how God is among us.

**REHEARSALS FOR CHRISTMAS** Eve Worship Service will be Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. (Dec. 6, 13, 20) and Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. (Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23) Check with Judy Harder for more details.

**THANK YOU FOR** your contributions to the youth soup lunch and to the college care boxes!

**BIG THANKS TO THOSE** who came for the FMC workday on November 21. The floor vent tunnels in the Fellowship Hall were cleaned out -- this big cleaning job had already been done in the Sanctuary. Check out our website for a photo and a link to a video of one of our littlest helpers hard at work! Other jobs outside were taken care of as well. It takes a village to keep the building ready to serve. Thank you to each one.

