

# *First Mennonite Church*

*Making disciples through loving relationships.*

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

*December 10, 2017*

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## **Second Sunday of Advent**

Gathering Music	Maryn Robson	
Welcome	Keith and Pastor Susan	
Candle Lighting and Song	Joshua Diener	
Call to Worship	Joshua Diener	
We meet today		
to declare the mighty acts		
of the living God.		
For God has come among us,		
face-to-face, as a person,		
bringing an abundance of steadfast love!		
<b>With hearts of praise we welcome Jesus,</b>		
<b>Mary's child,</b>		
<b>Healer and Teacher,</b>		
<b>Savior and Friend!</b>		
*Hymn	O come, O come, Immanuel	No. 172
*Invocation		Keith Harder
Advent with the Children		Judy Harder
	<i>Mary said Yes!</i>	M. Mangan
Offering		Sarah Diener and Maryn Robson
*Special offering today will go to the local budget unless otherwise designated.		
	(receiving blankets and Yes! cards will be gathered)	
Sharing and Prayer		Pastor Susan
Song of Response	Come, thou long-expected Jesus	No. 178
Scripture	Luke 1:26-38 from the New English Translation	Keith Harder
Message		Pastor Susan
		Jan Amstutz
*Closing Hymn	Hark! the herald angels sing	No. 201
*Benediction		Pastor Susan
As we leave this time of worship,		
we take along our "Yes!" to God.		
L: Yes! We will be lit candles of love		
against the darkness of hate.		
R: Yes! We will be joyful songs,		
filling the silence of indifference.		

L: Yes! We will be a hopeful community  
in a discouraged world.

R: Yes! We will bring life  
to people surrounded by death.

**All: Amen, let it be!**

Now go forth  
to live your Yes! To God,  
knowing that you are held by a love  
that will not let you go.  
In the name of the Creator, the Redeemer,  
and the Sustainer. Amen.



**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

**Wednesday:** Jeff & Tammy Wintermote

**Thursday:** Aleen Ratzlaff

**Saturday:** Mike Brandt, Joshua Diener, Velda Hiebert

**CALENDAR:**

- Dec. 10 Second Sunday of Advent; Tabor College presents Messiah
- Dec. 13 2 p.m. Women’s Christmas Tea – Parkside  
7 p.m. Choir Practice
- Dec. 15 Amahl and the Night Visitors – Sanctuary
- Dec. 17 Third Sunday of Advent
- Dec. 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent; 10 a.m. Worship Service  
6 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
- Dec. 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS! Church office is closed.
- Dec. 31 10 a.m. Worship Service

**CARRY-IN MEAL SCHEDULE:**

Jan. 14 Annual Meeting

**TREASURER’S REPORT 12/3/2017**

FMC Ministries.....	\$1,416.00
Main Street Ministries.....	\$200.00
Year to Date Budget Income.....	\$113,126.52
Year-to-date Budget Expenses.....	\$140,654.07
FMC Ministries Fund Balance.....	-\$27,527.55

**Last week’s attendance: 62**

## *Mary said Yes!*

Mary said "Yes, Yes, Yes!  
My Lord Your way is best!"  
Mary said "Yes, Yes, Yes!  
Your way is best!"

Gabriel appeared, a message to proclaim  
"Do not be afraid for you are blessed today!"

"You will have a child, He's the Chosen One,  
Jesus is His name and He will be God's Son."

Mary wondered how, "How can this be true?"  
Gabriel explained, "There's nothing God can't do!"

Mary trusted God, she always obeyed.  
We must do the same, so just like her we say,

### **Luke 1:26-38**

<sup>26</sup> In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, a descendant of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> The angel came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one, the Lord is with you!" <sup>29</sup> But she was greatly troubled by his words and began to wonder about the meaning of this greeting. <sup>30</sup> So the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God! <sup>31</sup> Listen: You will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of his father David. <sup>33</sup> He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and his kingdom will never end." <sup>34</sup> Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I have not had sexual relations with a man?" <sup>35</sup> The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called the Son of God.

<sup>36</sup> "And look, your relative Elizabeth has also become pregnant with a son in her old age—although she was called barren, she is now in her sixth month! <sup>37</sup> For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup> So Mary said, "Yes, I am a servant of the Lord; **let this happen** to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.