

First Mennonite Church

Making disciples through loving relationships.

Worship – 10:00 a.m.

December 31, 2017

Fifth Sunday of Advent

GATHERING

Gathering Music	Shirley Baltzer
Welcome and Announcements	Deryll and Pastor Susan
Prelude to Worship	Shirley Baltzer
Congregational Opening from Hebrews 1:1-3a	

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.

RECEIVING THE GIFT

Call to Worship	Deryll Amstutz
Come, Child of Bethlehem, make your presence known to us and dwell in our midst 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.	

*Hymn	Oh, how joyfully	No. 209
*Prayer of Thanksgiving		Deryll Amstutz
Hymn	What Child is this	No. 215
*Reading John 1:1-5		Deryll Amstutz

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
(Verses 1, 4 and 5)

Grey Sgbk 13

SHARING

Sharing and Prayer

Pastor Susan

Offering

Shirley Baltzer

Reading of John 1:10-13

Deryll Amstutz

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.

OPEN SHARING

Song

Away in a Manger
(traditional melody)

No. 194

OPEN SHARING

Hymn

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

No. 211

GOING OUT

*Closing Reading of John 1:14, 18

Deryll Amstutz

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.

*Sending Blessing

Pastor Susan and Congregation

Earth could not hold him, nor could heaven contain him.

But our Savior has come among us to show us the way!

Glory to God, in the highest!

Amen and amen!

We are glad you have come to worship this morning in this glory-filled Christmas season. Our prayer is that in this season you will experience the gift of Christmas - the presence of Jesus, God-with-us!



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday: Dan & Jeanette Schaefer

CALENDAR:

- Jan. 1 Church Office Closed – Happy New Year!
- Jan. 3 7 p.m. Care Committee Meeting
- Jan. 4 7 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting
- Jan. 7 Dedication of Emelia Koerner
- Jan. 10 Wednesday Evening Meal and Activities Begin
8 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting
- Jan. 11 7 p.m. Ministries Council Meeting
- Jan. 14 “Sending” of Jim and Susan Jantzen
Carry-In Meal and Annual Meeting

CARRY-IN MEAL SCHEDULE:

- Jan. 14 Annual Meeting

TREASURER’S REPORT 12/24/2017

FMC Ministries	\$2,846.00
MCC – Christmas Eve Offering.....	\$1,112.00
Year To Date Budget Income	\$142,533.59
Year To Date Budget Expenses	\$151,834.73
FMC Ministries Fund Balance.....	-\$9,301.14

Last week’s attendance: 51

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