

Colossians 2:12-17 (NRSV)

The New Life in Christ

¹² As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.



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FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ -
Making Disciples through
Loving Relationships.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

First Sunday after Christmas – December 26, 2021

GATHERING

Gathering Music
Welcome
*Call to Worship

Deanne Duerksen
Deryll Amstutz

Psalm 148

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

Men: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

*Women: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining
stars!*

**All: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters
above the heavens!**

Leader: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he
commanded and they were created.

*Women: He established them forever and ever; he fixed their
bounds, which cannot be passed.*

**Men: Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters
and all deeps,**

*Women: fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his
command!*

Men: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

*Women: Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying
birds!*

**Men: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all
rulers of the earth!**

**All: Young men and women alike, old and young
together!**

Leader: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name
alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

**All: He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all
his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to
him. Praise the LORD!**

*Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

VT 241

Prayer of Confession

God, we bring our brokenness to you—our bodies, minds, relationships. We trust you, the source of wholeness and miracles, to take our fragments, jagged edges, and pain. Bring healing and forgiveness in ways we cannot imagine. Restore the joy of our salvation as only you can do.

Assurance

God forgives you.
Forgive others.
Forgive yourself.
Be at peace.

Hymn

It Came upon a Midnight Clear

VT 248

Time for God's Children

Pastor Tom

Christmas Hymns (by request)

Benediction

Colossians 3:12-17

Pastor Tom

Postlude

Deanne Duerksen

Our musicians this morning are: Deanne Duerksen (piano); John Harder (violin); Tom Voth (violin); and Tom Harder (5-string violin and guitar).

Among Our Friends and In Our Prayers

- ☞ Remember those who are dealing with illnesses of all kinds.
- ☞ Remember those who are traveling.
- ☞ Remember those unable to gather with family or friends this holiday season.
- ☞ Remember those who are grieving the loss of loved ones this past year, including the families of Chuck Abrahams, Linda Bartel, Clark Wiebe, Jan Goertz, and Lee Albrecht.

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL who are gathered to worship,
wherever you are, and whenever you are able to watch this service!

The church office will be closed Friday, Dec. 31. Happy New Year!

WDC Office Schedule - The WDC office and library will be closed from Friday, December 24 through Friday, December 31. The office will then open on Monday, January 3. If you need to drop off or pick up anything from the office or library before the end of the year, be sure to do so by Dec 23rd. Have a merry Christmas season and we will see you in the new year!

Camp Mennoscah is grateful for you! We continue to get calls from volunteers and receive gifts of items off the Wish List. These items and projects help with the faith formation that happens at Camp Mennoscah. The list has more wishes and there are more projects to do. We can accommodate every group size, skill set and length of project you would like to tackle. Email office@campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290 to volunteer. See the wish list on our website for other ways to support Camp Mennoscah!

Luis Elier Rodriguez, a WDC pastor and ACPE Educator, would like to announce his book *On Significant Components of Spiritual Care*, now published and available for purchase. This book can be helpful for pastors, chaplains, spiritual counselors, ACPE Educators, CPE students, and people with careers related to spiritual care and human services. Also, it is a resource for spiritual retreats and spiritual caregiver's training. You can send any feedback to the author's email: Lerodriguez@houstonmethodist.org.

Some of you may have noticed already, but **check out the new Calendar page on our website** to stay informed of upcoming events! Go to fmchillsboro.com/news/calendar to view, and remember to schedule all events through the church office.