



Second Sunday of Advent December 4, 2022

GATHERING IN...

Prelude

Grounding Moment

“Love Comes Running” (a poem written by Rev. Sarah Speed)

Gathering Words & Announcements

Advent Candle Lighting Liturgy: *“What Makes You Afraid?”*

Readers: Reuben Wenger, Joanna Wenger, Kevin Martin Nlsly, Elsie Wickcliffe

Decorating the Christmas Tree

Families with children/youth are invited to come and place their ornaments on the tree as we sing the next hymn.

Once families are finished, adults who haven't put an ornament on the tree are welcome to do so as long as we continue singing.

HYMN *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* VT 210

PRAYING...

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Patient God,

you know just how often

we make decisions from a place of fear rather than love.

You know just how often

we allow fear to take the place of logic,

fanning unhealthy fires in our lives.

You know just how often

we tuck your words, “Do not be afraid”

on dusty shelves and in the back of closets,

stubbornly holding onto our own point of view.

*Forgive us for giving fear the microphone.
Silence the voices of scarcity, shame, and rejection,
which spark and feed so much of our fear,
to recenter us in love.
With hope we pray, amen.*

Words of Forgiveness

HYMN *Wait for the Lord (repeat 2x)* VT 228

LISTENING...

Children's Time

Prayer of Illumination & Scripture Reading
Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 1:26-38

Sermon

RESPONDING...

Music for Meditation

Prayers of the People (with the Lord's Prayer)

HYMN *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* VT 216

SENDING...

Benediction

A Christmas Hymn *O Little Town of Bethlehem* VT 245

Ushers: Cheryl Warkentin & Marlene Thode

Sound: Earl Ediger & Allen Yoder

Livestream: Jay Gehring

Nursery: Susan Combs

Piano: Shelley Kauffman

Worship Leader: Carol Moore

Children's Time & Grounding Moment: Jean Gaeddert

Scripture Reader: Nick Krehbiel

Sermon: Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger

Worship Resources: A Sanctified Art (used with permission)

Welcome!!

“This Advent, may you remember that you belong – to a story etched into the wrinkles of time, to generations that have come before and will come after, to a love that won't let you go.”

(The Sanctified Art Creative Team)



Mary's Golden Annunciation by Carmelle Beaugelin

BUDGET AND ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – TODAY!

Everyone – members, associate members, and attenders – are invited to be part of the fun TODAY (members/associate members are able to vote). **Please note the different schedule for this morning:**

- 8:45am – SILENT AUCTION ITEMS DUE!
- 9:00am – Silent Auction bidding opens
- 9:30am-10:30am Worship (bidding closed during worship)
- 10:30-10:45 fellowship time & bidding on the Silent Auction
- 10:45-11:30am Sunday School (bidding closed)
- 11:30am Soup Meal (borscht & chili) begins in Fellowship Hall
(continue bidding on Silent Auction items)
- 12:15 – Meeting begins in Fellowship Hall (also on Zoom);
childcare provided during the meeting in the Common Grounds room.

FAMILY NIGHT @ FMC ON DECEMBER 5!

Gather Monday evening December 5 for a family night at FMC with a Christmas Movie: Klaus! Film starts at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall. Popcorn and hot cocoa provided. Wear your Christmas PJ's and bring sleeping bags/blankets/pillows. All are invited!

BABY BUNDLES for MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

The shopping has been done for you, the bundles have been assembled. Three are on display in the foyer. Your donation of \$25.00 each will send the bundles on their way. Make your checks out to First Mennonite Church, and write "Baby Bundles" in the memo. The Infant Baby Bundles will be dedicated during the 7:00pm Christmas Eve service. For His Glory, Deanna Mace and Jane Kroeker



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