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December 7, 2025 – ADVENT 2

Prophetic Peace

First Mennonite Church

Prelude ... all adults invited to decorate the Christmas Tree with ornaments during the prelude and gathering singing! Children and youth, your ornaments will be received and hung on the tree later in the service.

Gathering Christmas Singing

Angels We Have Heard on High VT 249

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice VT 261

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

One: We gather together in this place:

All: prophets and dreamers, singers and poets,

One: we who dare to imagine a world renewed;

All: we who dare to dream God's dream.

One: We watch with Malachi and John.

All: God's peace will soon appear.

One: The hills and valleys will meet,

All: and all things will be at rest.

One: We long for a world restored, renewed.

All: The fire of God's justice burns in our hearts.

One: Come and worship, all you who dream and wait.

All: We have come to wonder and praise.

Prayer

HYMN *Hark, the Glad Sound* VT 217
Praying for Peace and Lighting the Peace Lamp

Passing the Peace – Fellowship Greeting
One: May the peace of Christ be with you. **ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

HYMN *Comfort, Comfort, O My People* VT 212
Advent Candle Lighting
Decorating the Tree – Children & Youth
Children’s Time

Prayer for Illumination
Character Narrative: John

Scripture Reading:
Matthew 3:1-12 & Malachi 3:1-6a

Meditation

Music for Meditation
Prayers of the People & Lord’s Prayer (VT 989B with ‘sins’)

SENDING HYMN *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* VT 218
Charge: A Call to Advocacy
Benediction
Postlude



*Worship Resources – Illustrated Ministry
If you need a hearing assist device, please ask at the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary.

The Hat, Mitten & Sock tree is up in the foyer! Place donations of new items in the basket by **Dec 15**, and we’ll deliver to Salvation Army.

Infant Care Bundles for MCC have been prepared with items families in crisis around the world need to care for a newborn. The basket in the foyer displays the contents of one kit for a boy and one kit for a girl. A donation of \$25 (to FMC, designated for *Infant Care Kits*) will pay for one bundle. The bundles will be dedicated on Christmas Eve.

The Nursery is typically staffed with a volunteer care provider during worship (and Sunday School as needed). Children are also welcome to remain in the sanctuary! Worship bags with drawing/coloring materials are provided at the back of the sanctuary.

Sound: Earl Ediger & Allen Yoder
Livestream: Jonathan Wenger
Ushers: Ken Neufeld & Carol Moore
Nursery: Adam & Maggie Pounds
Pianist: Peggy Stucky
Worship Leader: Delon Martens
Song Leader: Magdalena Wenger
Children’s Time: Jennalee Boggs
Scripture Reader: Jean Gaeddert
Advent Candle Lighting: Shane and Joy Miller family
Character Narrative (John): Shane Miller
Preacher: Tonya Ramer Wenger

Reno County Food Bank donations for December: Pasta.

TODAY:
Text prayer requests to Pastor Tonya @ 620-513-2828
Offerings to support FMC mission and ministry are received in the offering box at the back, or on our website.
Bidding for Silent Auction open: 9:00-9:30am; after worship-11:00am; 12:00-12:45.
Fellowship time in the basement after worship. **Sunday School @ 11:00** for all ages.
Youth Fundraiser Lunch served at Noon. **Silent Auction ends at 12:45pm.**
Annual Meeting 12:45-1:45pm in person and on zoom. Activities with Joy Miller for children/youth during the annual meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **December 8** – Craft Night 6:30-8:00pm in Fellowship Hall
- **December 9** – LPC Group meets 1:00-2:00pm
- **December 10** – FMC Families caroling at MFC (3:45pm-5:00pm)
- **December 10** – Choir rehearsal, 5:15pm (second rehearsal Dec. 17)
- **December 10** – LPC Group meets 6:30-7:30pm
- **December 14** – FMC leads worship at Mennonite Friendship Communities – volunteers needed!
- **December 21** – Lessons & Carols worship service
- **December 21** – 5:00pm Longest Night Service; 5:45pm Soup Meal; 6:30-7:30 Caroling in church neighborhood. You are invited for one or all of this evening's events.
- **December 24** – Christmas Eve Worship @ 7pm – family friendly! Dedication of Infant Care Kits to be sent by MCC to families around the world. Social time in fellowship hall following worship.

FMC Annual Congregational Meeting – TODAY about 12:45pm. The annual report was sent by email attachment on 11/22. Printed copies are available in the foyer.

Singers – choir rehearsals Wednesdays – December 10 & 17 at 5:15pm. All singers invited.

Read THIS WEEK @ FMC posted at ***hutchfmc.org*** on Tuesdays for more announcements, opportunities for sharing and serving, resources to support your personal growth, and events to celebrate this season of hope.



Arms Wide Open: To Serve & Be Served

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