

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

December 18, 2011

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

ORGANIST - Dr. Scott Lehman ✻ PIANIST – Mary Beth Huser

SONG LEADER - Brent Hyman

Prelude

O Come, All Ye Faithful/Smith & Hustad
The First Noel/Hustad

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing/arr. Krug
Youth Bell Choir

Welcome

Pastor Jeff Linthicum

*#271 [brown] *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You*

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Reading Jeromy, Kim, Morgan, Savannah, and Shea Alberson

Light the Candle of Angels/Love

#172 [blue] *O Come, O Come, Immanuel* (v. 4)

Prayer

*#167 [blue] *For God So Loved Us* (vs. 1,2,4)

*#256 [brown] *Love Has Come*

*#347 [brown] *And Can It Be?* (vs. 2, 4 – starting with the refrain)

*Greet One Another

Jesus Joy

Little Notes of Praise -- Hannah Taing, solo
Children may go to Children's Church.

arr. Currie

O Little Town of Bethlehem

First Mennonite Men's Quartet

arr. Mauldin

Hallelujah (Light Has Come)

Tara Steffen

Mary Did You Know?

Grace Notes

arr. Page

Offering

for Household Treasury/Local Ministries/Kent Liechty

Offertory

Carol of the Bells/arr. McChesney

Grace Notes

Guests, please fill out the cards in the pew and drop in the offering plate.

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

Mennonotes and Grace Notes

arr. Sorenson

Intercessory Prayer

Charlie Habegger

Scripture

I John 4:9-11/Emily Miller

Meditation

Season of Love/Pastor Jeff Linthicum

**Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)*

Christ Child Noel

Chancel Choir, JAM, and Gwen Habegger, flute

arr. Drennan

Thanks to Family Life Center Cleaners

Still, Still, Still

Away in a Manger

Little Chimes

**Jesus Messiah*

(Anyone who would like to sing the "Hallelujah" chorus may come to the chancel to get music)

**Hallelujah from Messiah*

Handel

**Benediction*

Pastor Jeff Linthicum

If you would like someone to pray with you following the service, you may go to the chapel where someone is there to pray with you.

**Postlude*

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing/Hustad

**We invite you to stand if you are able*

TODAY AT FIRST MENNONITE

On the scanner and TV today is the Chapel class.

The floral arrangement this morning is presented to God and the First Mennonite Church family in loving memory and honor of husband and father, Reverend Kenneth G. Bauman, by his wife, Mary, and each of his children. This Christmas season marks the 25th year Dad has been experiencing the Paradise of God through Jesus Christ. With heartfelt gratitude we remember him and God's faithful people everywhere who have worked tirelessly to build God's kingdom through clear and constant presentation of the Gospel to others to the glory of God the Father.

5:00 p.m. **The Senior High Christmas party** is tonight! Meet at the church at 5 p.m. Please bring \$15 for the night's activities.

6:00 p.m. **Christmas Caroling** at Swiss Village and for shut-ins. When we get back at 7:30, the Main Street Jazz Band will play a concert as we enjoy some refreshments.

First Mennonite's presentation of "Messiah" will be broadcast today at 4:05 p.m. on WPGW 100.9 FM in Portland.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY – December 19

6:30 p.m. Ministries Council

TUESDAY – December 20

6:30 p.m. Sunshine Hour

7-9 p.m. Prayer Room is open to anyone for a prayer meeting.

WEDNESDAY – December 21

5:00 p.m. Adult Bell Choir

5:45 p.m. Fellowship Meal

6:10 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsals

- 6:20 p.m.** Senior High--Movie in the old youth room. "It's a Wonderful Life" will begin at 6:20 sharp!
- 6:50 p.m.** Junior High Christmas Party--meet in the Imago Dei room and bring a wrapped white elephant gift!
- 7:00 p.m.** Nursery for up to age 2
- 7:00 p.m.** Age 2-3- Toddler Nursery
- 7:00 p.m.** Age 4-K – *Heroes of the Bible* - room at the bottom of the ramp
- 7:00 p.m.** Grades 1-5 – Spotlight room
- 7:00 p.m.** Adults--chapel--David Jeremiah DVD--*The Headline on Christmas Day*
- 7:00 p.m.** Prayer Room for corporate prayer
- 7:00 p.m.** Women's Ministries – Project Committee Room
- 7:00 p.m.** Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 8:15 p.m.** Chancel Choir Rehearsal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The offering today and next Sunday is for the Household Treasury/Local Ministries.

Menu for Wednesday, December 21: Hot ham sandwich, hot dogs (for kids only), macaroni & cheese, carrots & celery, dessert & beverages.

On Tuesdays for the month of December, **Intergenerational Class** will set up the tables for the Wednesday evening meals.

Need Volunteers for Family Life Center to clean and sweep the building for next year, 2012. See Kent Frank or Kendall Lehman if you are willing to volunteer your time.

Open Gym is available week of December 26-30 from 3-5 p.m. Bring your friends and enjoy some basketball.

Christmas Break Fun Day! Grades 1-5 are invited to a time of fun, fun, fun on Wednesday, Dec. 28th, from 1-4 p.m. Crafts, snack, obstacle course, games, movie and lots of fun! Come and go as needed, but be sure a parent comes to the patio to sign you in and out. Hope to see you there!

Sunday, December 25, there will not be any Sunday School for babies up through grade 12. This was done the last time Christmas was on a Sunday in 2005. It is meant to give families time together Christmas morning. Nursery care will not be provided during Sunday School, but will be available during the church hour. Preschool Children's Church will still be held during the service, but Children's Church for 1st-5th grade will not be held, as is normal for 4th Sundays. There will be no Sunday School classes meeting for the adults, unless your class would like to meet that morning. Just let the class know and meet as usual.

2012 WM Prayer Partners: Would you like to have a prayer partner for 2012? Place your name, address, telephone number, and birthday on a paper and place it in the green box near the church office door. WM officers will see to it that you are matched with a partner for the coming year. The deadline is January 1st.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Kip & Linda Summersett, Jeff, Leah & Trevor Summersett, and other family members in the death of Nikki Summersett on Dec. 8.

Youth Upcoming Events

Sr. High Winter Retreat at Camp Friedenswald is just around the corner! The dates are January 6-8. The cost is \$75. Please let Darren know soon if you are planning to go!