

Prayers and Praises

Charlottesville: We pray for the Spirit of Healing in our city: For all the citizens in the city, for our schools, schoolboards, administrators, teachers and children. For an end to racism and racial prejudice.

VMMissions: Pray for a VMMissions family as they discern their next assignment following an extended sabbatical. Ask God to lead them clearly, positioning them to build on their years of investment into God's work in South Asia.

Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Mark and Mary Hurst as they prepare to move to a new area west of Sydney. Pray for them as they settle in and continue their ministry of teaching, peacemaking and hospitality with the Anabaptist Association of Australia and New Zealand.

Pray for the local services for people in need: Love Inc., Shelter for Help in Emergency, Food Bank, Salvation Army, IMPACT – a justice ministry and PACEM- the initiative for the homeless.



**Advent 3: Rejoicing in God's justice
December 16, 2018**



Charlottesville
Mennonite
Church

701 Monticello Ave.
Charlottesville, VA 22901
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
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Gathering in God's presence

Preservice Music & Lighting of candle

Leader: Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for
God-with-us is coming to set things right

People: The proud will be scattered and the humble lifted up.

Leader: The hungry will be filled and the prisoners set free.

People: He will guide us in the way of peace and proclaim salvation.

All: Let us rejoice, for our God comes to bring wholeness and new life to the world.

Opening prayer

Hymns	My soul is filled with joy	STJ 13
	Prepare the way of the Lord	STJ 14

Noticing God's presence

Children's story

Scripture Isaiah 12:2-6, Zephaniah 3:14-20

Confession

Hymn

Scripture Luke 3: 7-18; Philippians 4:4-7

Sermon

Hymn He comes to us as one unknown HWB 498

Responding to God's presence

Sharing of joys and concerns / visitor introductions

Pastoral Prayer

Offering Praise God HWB 119

Hymn Hark! The glad sound HWB 184

Benediction

Today Sermon: Roy Hange

Everyone is welcome to stay for the fellowship meal immediately following the service.

Upcoming Events

Dec 24	Christmas eve service	6:30 pm
Dec 30	Hymnsing	
Jan 6	Communion	
Jan 8	Men's Breakfast at Bodo's on Preston	7 am
Jan 8	BOE	7:15 pm
Jan 10	Lectio Divina Group	10 am
Jan 13	Fellowship meal	

Announcements

Please email all bulletin announcements by Thursday evening to Linda. Please include the word "Bulletin" in the subject line of the heading.

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Kits An opportunity for giving during this Christmas are MCC kits for people uprooted by disaster or war. Our church will focus on providing sewing or hygiene kits. Individuals can choose which one, or ones, they want to provide. On the table in the back of the church, beside the library, there are lists of needed items for each type of kit, and bags in which items should be placed. Take as many bags as you plan to fill. Once the kit is completed, please return it to church by **Dec. 30**. Questions, please see Maren or Dottie, Outreach Coordinator.

Everence is a stewardship ministry of Mennonite Church USA that helps church members and attenders integrate their finances with their faith. A MyNeighbor credit card lets you generate 1.5% donation for your favorite charitable organization or church each time you use your card. Looking for ways to help youth save for their future? Everence can help by offering higher savings (4.00%) and certificate rates (3.00%) for youth. Please contact Libby, Everence Advocate for CMC, if you would like more information regarding the services Everence has to offer.

Family Photos are needed for CMC's Directory and Bulletin Board. If you have not had your picture taken, other times can be arranged. Please contact Jim.

Church House—Please join in suggesting uses for the church house and names for it. There is a white board in the back of the church on which to place ideas.

Updates on renovation: the hardwood floors were finished.

Cabinets for the kitchen have been ordered. The hot water and HVA is about to be set up once the gas is hooked up. A new door was built for the basement entrance.

Please contact Melvin with any offers of help. Current needs: someone to tile the bath/shower area upstairs, help Adam with tiling the floors in the entry way and bathrooms, and some painting.

The Board of Elders is inviting the congregation to begin to focus on and **memorize together one verse a month** in the coming year. You are welcome to tear off the verse below, put it in a place you will see, and say it every day:

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.” Luke 1:46b-49