

## Prayers and Praises

**Charlottesville:** We pray for the Spirit of the Resurrection 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:** Ask for safe travels for tranSender Elena Buckwalter as she travels on Tuesday to Iquitos, Peru. Pray for energy as she helps out with various Christmas activities and celebrations this month.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** At sundown this evening, Jewish people begin to celebrate Hanukkah, the festival of lights. Pray for all Mission Network personnel who work to build bridges of God's love among people of different faiths.

**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.



Charlottesville  
Mennonite  
Church

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10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
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**Advent 1: Watching and Waiting**  
**December 2, 2018**

## Gathering in God's presence

Preservice Music & Lighting of candle

Call to worship

One: Now is the time of waiting and watching.

We wait expectantly for the Messiah,

for God's promises to be fulfilled.

for these confusing, distressing times to be over.

**People: How long must we wait?**

One: Watch and wait!

Pay attention, be still and know that God is with us.

Look for the signs all around us.

**People: How long must we wait?**

One: Wait and watch!

Let God fill us with faith and hope

until the Lord Jesus comes into our aching world.

**People: Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

Opening prayer

Hymns	Praise the One who	STS 1
	O Come, O Come, Immanuel	HWB 172

## Noticing God's presence

Children's story

Scripture Luke 21:25-36

Confession

Hymn Guide Me O Thou great Jehovah HWB 582

Scripture Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13;  
Psalm 25:1-10

Sermon

Communion

Hymn Longing for Light STJ 54

## Responding to God's presence

Sharing of joys and concerns / visitor introductions

Pastoral Prayer

Offering Praise God HWB 119

Hymn Go my children HWB 433

Benediction

## Today

Sermon: Roy Hange

## This Week

Monday	Pacem meal, Belmont Baptist Church	
Wedn	Lectio Divina Group	10 am

## Upcoming Events

Dec 11	Men's Breakfast at Bodo's on Preston	7 am
Dec 16	Fellowship meal	
Dec 30	Hymnsing	
Jan 8	BOE	7:15 pm
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.

**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.

**Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Kits** An opportunity for giving during this Christmas season is being suggested by MCC, by encouraging churches to donate **small kits** which will be given to people uprooted by disaster or war. Our church will focus on providing either the 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**. Maren has agreed to get the kits to the correct location. Questions, please see Maren or Dottie, Outreach Coordinator.

**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