

## 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:** Remember Brent and Alisha Justice and their team in Bundibugyo, Uganda. Pray for current team transitions and for the four new short-term workers who will be arriving in January.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** C. Paul and Hildi Amstutz worship with German- and Spanish-speaking churches in Paraguay. Pray for them as they mentor members of these congregations and as they share the good news of Jesus through business chaplaincy and spiritual direction.

**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.



**Christmas Hymnsing: Love revealed  
December 30, 2018**



Charlottesville  
Mennonite  
Church

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10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
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## Gathering in God's presence

Preservice Music

Call to worship

One: I bring you good news: let your hearts be joyful,  
let your spirits rejoice.

**All: A newborn child, the Savior of the world,  
the incarnation of the holy God, come among us.**

One: Those who walk in darkness will see a great light

**All: Those who are oppressed will be set free**

One: For a child has been born, authority rests upon his shoulders  
and there shall be endless peace.

**All: He will establish his kingdom and uphold it with justice  
and righteousness from this time onward.**

**Our hearts are joyful, our spirits rejoice, for the child-  
Christ who has come, lives and reigns with God above.**

Opening prayer

Hymns Dottie

## Noticing God's presence

Scripture Isaiah 9:2,6-7

Hymn Linda I

## Responding to God's presence

Sharing of joys and concerns / visitor introductions

Pastoral Prayer

Offering Praise God HWB 119

Hymn Joanne

Benediction

## This Week

Wednesday Ad Council Meeting 7:00 pm

## Upcoming Events

Jan 6 Epiphany; Communion

Jan 8 Men's Breakfast at Bodo's on Preston 7:00 pm

Jan 8 BOE 7:15 pm

Jan 10 Lectio Divina Group 10:00 am

Jan 13

Fellowship meal

Jan 31

Race and Religion Dinner

6 pm

## Announcements

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

**"O God! journey"** The Charlottesville Clergy Collective continues to meet monthly as we seek to build relationships and bridge racial divides. Maren participates in a sub-committee of the CCC to plan year-long conversations among faith communities around issues of race and religion. To that end, the CCC is hosting a catered dinner at the Carver Center, Thursday, January 31 at 6 p.m., inviting up to 10 members of each participating faith community to gather for dinner and discussion:

1. Become better acquainted across racial lines.
2. Explain the work of the CCC.
3. Begin conversation about shared histories of Cville faith communities around racism, and look at resources.

Looking ahead to the rest of the "O God!" journey:

Second gathering: 2 or 3 congregations share more deeply about their histories; Third gathering: Interfaith service in August – where do we go from here, present-day issues. See Maren if you are interested in attending with her.

The Board of Elders is inviting the congregation to begin to focus on and **memorize together one verse a month** in the coming year:

*"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