

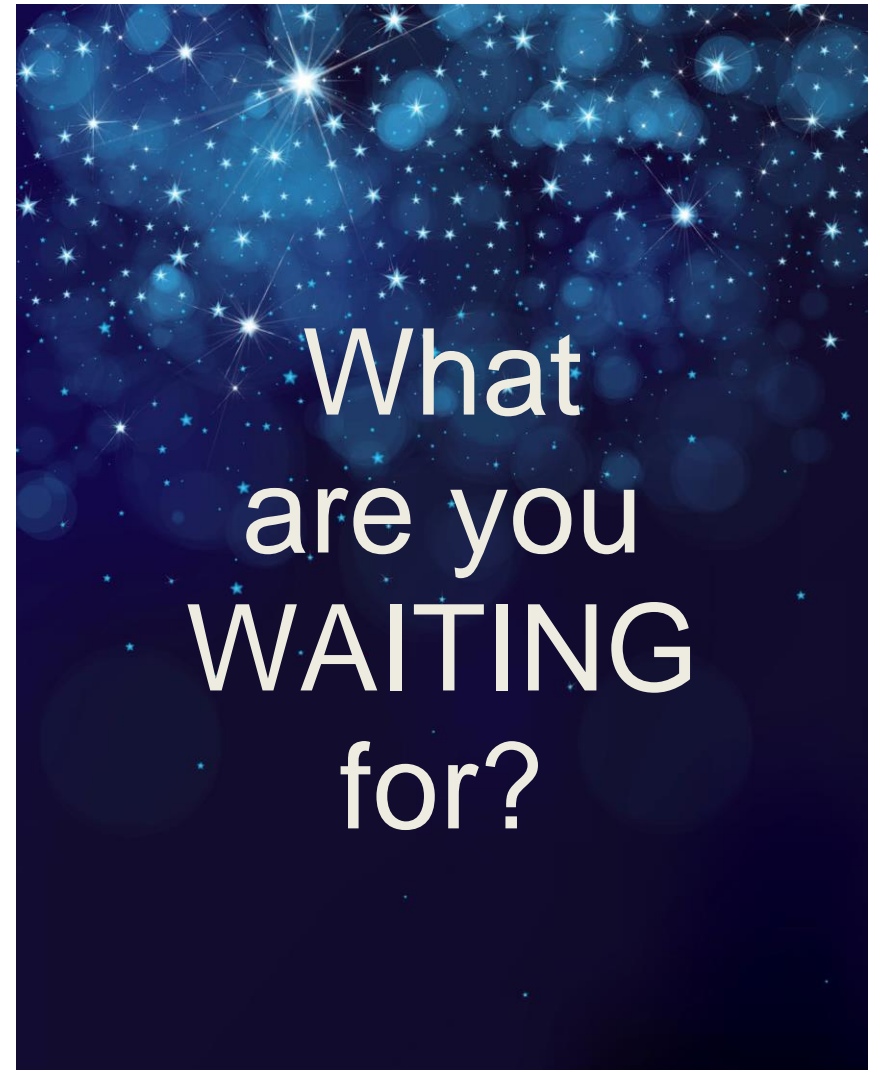
## Prayers and Praises

**Focus statement:** O Lord, what am I waiting for? Why am I afraid? I see my need for your strength in my weakness and my need to be filled with your courage in the midst of all my fears. I long for an awakening, for a renewed trust, and for patience in the coming of the Lord.

**VMMissions:** Norma Teles meets with a group of mothers in Albania. Pray that God's word will grow and bear fruit in these women's lives, and pray that they will have courage to break religious traditions in order to embrace what God wants for them.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for DOOR's leadership development program, Discern, that works with local youth of color to help them expand their leadership skills through mentorship and workshops engaging justice issues. Pray for resources to broaden the current three-month program to nine months.

**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.



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**Advent 3: Kept waiting by fear  
December 15, 2019**

## Gathering in God's presence

Preservice Music

Call to worship

Leader: Today there is good news to behold! Mary is with child!  
God's long awaited promise is being fulfilled.

**People: Our souls magnify the Lord, and our spirits rejoice  
in God our Savior. Immanuel, God is with us!**

Leader: For the Mighty One has done great things for us; Holy is  
God's name. The little baby in his mother's womb will be the  
Savior of this hurting world.

**People: Bringing new life, filled with joy and peace,  
calling us to faith and action.**

Leader: Behold! The Lord is with God's people.

**People: Behold! God is with us, Immanuel.**

Opening Prayer

Lighting of candle

Hymns	The first Noel, the angel did say	HWB 199
	O little town of Bethlehem	HWB 191
	Away in a manger (traditional tune)	HWB 194

Christmas play "The Mysterious Animal" by Gwynne Watkins

Hymn	The friendly beasts
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## Responding to God's presence

Scripture	Luke 1:46-55
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Confession of faith	HWB 714
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Hymn	Hark! the glad sound	HWB 184
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Anointing

Sharing of joys and concerns /visitor introductions

Offering	Praise God	HWB 119
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Hymn	Come, thou long-expected Jesus	HWB 178
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Benediction

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

## Today

Sermon: Christmas play

## Next Sunday

Worship: Roy/Maren Hange

Songleader: Holly Scott

## Christmas play cast

Camel – Phoebe Fischerman

Cow – Liza Ann Henderson

Sheep – Judah Baker

Donkey – Carrie Orban

Dove – Will Orban

Innkeeper – Nathanael Orban

Guest – Cedar Henderson

Shepherd – Matt Salerno

Lamb – Polina Salerno, Andrei Salerno, Sam Johnson

Mary – Alyce Johnson

Joseph – Chris Johnson

Sound technicians – Pierce Baker, Paul Showalter

Director – Libby Showalter;

Musical director - Linda Patchel

## Upcoming Events

Dec 22	Christmas Caroling at MJH	12:30 pm
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Dec 24	Men's Breakfast at Bodo's cancelled.
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Dec 24	Christmas Eve candlelight service	6:30 pm
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Dec 29	Hymnsing
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January 7	BOE	7 pm
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January 14	Administrative Council	7 pm
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February 2	Annual Alderfer Super Bowl Party
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May 15-17, 2020	Annual Church Retreat
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## Announcements

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

How about CMC spreading some Christmas cheer at MJH! We are on to sing **Christmas carols** for Sunday Dec 22 from 12:30 until 1ish If interested, please email me. Tim

Please consider a donation to **CMC's Brotherhood fund** in your year-end giving. The Brotherhood Fund was established to help CMC members and friends of the congregation with financial needs due to loss of jobs, unexpected medical expenses, or other life events that create a financial need. This year we have been able to assist several persons through the Brotherhood Fund. Everence Sharing Funds will match CMC's gift to provide additional assistance to the recipient.

Please also consider a year-end gift towards Charlottesville Mennonite Church. We are currently behind budget about \$ 4,500 for this fiscal year. In addition, the building fund has a little over \$ 4,000 left for repairs while the house is in need of a new roof at the cost of about \$ 8,000. God loves a cheerful giver.

*Throughout Advent, we light a second Advent wreath on our altar table, with a prayer of blessing for our Christian sisters and brothers in another country. This week's candle is lit for Mennonites in Albania.* Albania is home to the Lezha Academic Center founded in 2011 and one Mennonite congregation of about 120.

**Albania Earthquake Relief Fund:** On November 26, a 6.4 magnitude earthquake hit Albania, causing loss of life and damage to buildings, including the town of Lezhe, where VM Missions has a number of workers and ministries. Thankfully, our workers were physically unharmed, but they are dealing with the trauma of the event. Lezha Academic Center (LAC), the local Christian school we support, suffered structural damage and will remain closed until the new year. VM Missions is establishing an Albania Earthquake Relief Fund to help provide food, lodging, clothing, medicine, counseling, and other necessities in the town of Lezhe. Gifts can be made online at [vmmissions.org/albaniarelief](http://vmmissions.org/albaniarelief), or by check, made out to VM Missions, with Albania Earthquake Relief in the memo, and mailed to 601 Parkwood Drive, Harrisonburg, VA 22802.

**Memory verse for December:** *Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.* Isaiah 40:28