

Prayers and Praises

Focus statement: Together we enter the season of Advent crying out to God to break into our lives with a new light and a new hope. We ask the question, God what are you waiting for?

VMMissions : Pray for a team of businessmen who, together with VMMissions staff Lynn Suter and Tom Yoder, are meeting with a leading evangelical pastor in Kosovo who has requested help in launching businesses as a way of sustaining and growing the church, both by providing jobs for the young persons in the church who are seeking to immigrate for economic reasons, and by expanding the church's witness and blessing within Kosovar society

Mennonite Mission Network: As the Argentina Mennonite Church enters its second century, pray that its vibrant ministries of preaching, teaching, planting churches, and running businesses to support missions will continue.

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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Mennonite
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10:30 a.m. Worship Service
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What
are you
WAITING
for?

Advent 1: Our wait begins

December 1, 2019

Gathering in God's presence

Preservice Music

Call to worship

One: Oh God, our God, we cry out to you

**Many: Will your kingdom of peace
be established on this broken earth?**

One: Are you coming to intervene,
to make whole your divided creation?

All: God, what are you waiting for?

Opening Prayer

Lighting of Advent candle

Hymns	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty	HWB 37
	Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus	HWB 178

Noticing God's presence

Scripture Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14

Children's story

Confession

Hymn	Let there be light, Lord God	HWB 371
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Scripture	Matthew 24:36-44
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Sermon

Communion

Hymn	I will stand in the congregation	STS 113
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Responding to God's presence

Sharing of joys and concerns /visitor introductions

Offering	Praise God	HWB 119
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Hymn	You shall go out with joy	HWB 427
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Benediction

Today

Sermon: Roy Hange

Worship: Maren Hange

Songleader: Tim Nissley

Nursery: Dottie Scott

This week

Wednesday Pacem meal

Thursday Ad Council 7 pm

Saturday Advent retreat for women 9-1 pm

Sunday Christmas play practice

Upcoming Events

Dec 10 Men's Breakfast at Bodo's on Preston 7 am

Dec 10 Board of Elders 7 pm

Dec 11 Lectio Divina Group 10 am

Dec 14 Christmas play practice 10:30 am

Dec 15 Christmas play & Fellowship meal

May 15-17, 2020 Annual Church Retreat

Announcements

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

Throughout Advent, we light a second Advent wreath on our altar table, with a prayer of blessing for our Mennonite sisters and brothers in another country. This week's candle is lit for Mennonites in Mexico.

Ten Thousand Villages Charlottesville, 105 West Main Street, is partnering with **PACEM** on Sunday, December 1st to raise money for their efforts in sheltering the homeless. PACEM coordinates space and volunteers to provide shelter for individuals in our community who are homeless. Ten Thousand Villages is a not for profit fair trade retailer that works to provide a market for hand-crafted products made by people in marginalized areas of the world. A portion of sales on December 1st will be donated to PACEM as they prepare for the winter months ahead.

Join the **Walking Roots Band** on **December 8, 2019** at 7:00 p.m. at Eastern Mennonite School (801 Parkwood Dr. Harrisonburg, PA 22802) to benefit MCC through the Virginia Mennonite Relief Sale. Visit mcc.org/christmas-benefit-harrisonburg to reserve your

seat(s) in advance for free. A donation to MCC through the Virginia Mennonite Relief Sale will be collected at the door.

PACEM update; Our church will be providing the evening meal and overnight volunteer at Belmont Baptist Church on Wednesday evening, Dec. 4. We need two more volunteers to provide food for that evening. Thanks to all who have responded already. If you can help, and have not yet responded, please notify

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