

MENNO MENNONITE CHURCH

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10:00 a.m. Worship—11:00am Sunday School for all ages

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9:15-9:45: Prayer time in the library to seek God's guidance for what He has for us at Menno.

Song Leader: Bill Dyck
Accompanist: Sharon Meyer
Greeters: Gavin and Erin Morse
Advent Family: Doug Claassen family

WELCOME TO MENNO

Prelude

HWB #196 v 1 & 6,

“While Shepherds Watched”

HWB # 195 v 1 & 5,

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

HWB # 194 v 1

“Away in a Manger”

Announcements, Concerns, Joys

“Sweet Little Jesus Boy”

Sung by Erin Morse

accompanied by Chris Gering

“Mary Did You Know?”

Read by Elizabeth Claassen

ADVENT: LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH CANDLE, FOR LOVE

Leader: Mary is with child! God's long-awaited promise is being fulfilled.

People: Rejoice in His name! Emmanuel, God be with us.

Leader: The little baby in his mother's womb will be the Savior of this hurting world

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

ALL: Praise be to God. Alleluia! Amen!

Prayer: “We thank you for your promises to us and the way that you make good things happen in our lives. We thank you for your love and that you are always there for us. We ask your help in our sharing your love with others. Amen“

Offertory: “Silent Night” Sharon Meyer, Katherine Swinger

Reading: “Love Was When” by Ellie Gering

Scripture Reading: I John 4:7-19

Message: “The Greatest of These is Love” Pastors Lyn & Jeanie

ADVENT READING FOR THE CHRIST CANDLE

L: The Word has become flesh, God now walks with us.

P: Through Jesus, God is fully made known

L: All creation is renewed, experiencing the grace and truth of God, through the grace and truth of God, through the birth and life of Jesus.

P: And all who believe are the children of God; brought together to experience the unity of the whole human race.

Prayer: “Faithful God, thank you that the long-awaited promise has been fulfilled. Jesus is born!

Closing songs: HWB #197 “Angels We Have Heard on High”

HWB #193

“Silent Night”

Benediction : “Go with joy in your hearts for the Spirit of Christ is within you; glorifying His coming with acts of compassion and service to others. Go in Peace.”

11AM: SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR—Classes for all ages

Menno Mennonite Church, a Christian Anabaptist Community, equips believers through relevant Worship and Study, and expresses God's love to others through Stewardship and Service.

Next Sunday

Greeters: Gene and Dorene Claassen

Song Leader: Tim Schrag

Accompanist: Melanie Gering

Candlelighter: Zane Swinger

Thank you to the Christian Enrichment Committee for the youth skit and lunch last Sunday.

Thank you to all who contributed to the Ritzville Food Pantry for the 2018 Christmas Food Baskets.

Menno Church volunteers are asked to staff the Food Bank on Wednesdays to assist with food distribution during the month of February, 2019. A sign-up sheet will be posted. Food items will also be collected during that month.

COMING ACTIVITIES

24th—Christmas Eve—There will be an informal worship service at 6:30pm at Menno. All are invited to participate.

SUNDAY December 30 Social hour following worship service. Bring your leftover holiday goodies to share. Coffee, tea and hot cider will be provided. There will be no Sunday School.

Our annual meeting and election of officers and committees will be January 26th. Be praying about how God wants you to take part in Menno life and/or who you might tap on the shoulder to encourage to take a position.

NOTE: Pastors Lyn and Jeanie will be leaving immediately after the worship service today to go to Payette and spend the week with their family for the Christmas holidays. They will then take some vacation time “in the sun” and be back with us for Sunday the 13th.

BLESSINGS TO EACH OF YOU as part of God’s Family at Menno!

Have Wonderful Holiday Time as we celebrate the

BIRTH OF JESUS

And prepare for the New Year