

Order of Service
Menno Mennonite Church
Advent 3

December 13, 2020

Speaker: Bryce Miller

Accompanist: Katherine Franz Swinger

Prelude: Katherine Franz Swinger

Call to Worship

Welcome; Announcements

Songs of Gathering & Praise

Come thou long expected Jesus

Cedar Valley Church,

Mission, BC/MCBC

Menno Singers, Youtube

Lo how a rose E'er Blooming

Children's Story

What Child is this

Menno Singers, Youtube

Scripture: John 1:6-8; 19-28

Sermon:

Preparing Always

Bryce Miller

Response Music

I Know that my Redeemer Liveth; Messiah

Amanda Powell; Apollo's Fire

Congregational Sharing of joys, concerns

Prayer

Sending

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Youtube

Benediction

The recently displayed Advent banners “Love” and “Joy” have been made and generously donated to Menno Church by **Roberta Schrag**. Thank you for sharing of your talent in design and creativity!”

Deacon Nomination Ballots that remained in mailboxes this week were mailed on Wednesday. If you have not received one and would like one, please make that request to the office. ***Nominations are due December 20 at Noon, this coming Sunday.***

Christmas at Menno: As you well expect our 2020 Christmas celebration will be somewhat adapted. Presently, we are planning a socially distant but gathered celebration Christmas Eve December 24 at 6:30 PM with a livestream of the event. The content will be video based, and there will be no congregational singing this year. *We encourage people to participate remotely*

and may need to limit the number of people gathered. Please monitor your email, Facebook, and the website for updates as we will need to remain flexible to adapt as conditions warrant.

Also, Bryce & Emily will be delivering Christmas bags to your homes for kids and adults with some goodies and seasonal elements over the next couple of weeks.

Thank you Menno for your amazing response to the towel challenge! Thursday at their monthly meeting, Menno Women in Mission inventoried and packed the towels for Serve Moses Lake. Thursday afternoon, the following was delivered to Serve: new—46 bath towels, 14 hand towels, 62 wash cloths; used—73 bath towels, 28 hand towels, 58 washcloths. In addition to the towels, 20 new pairs of men's winter boots (with seven more pairs on backorder) were delivered. Executive Director Brandon LaBonte thanks the Menno congregation for their generous donation.

You are invited to share your bed quilts or wall quilts for display in the Fellowship Hall. The plan is to display quilts on a rotating basis, as quilts arrive. Seasonal quilts would be most welcome.

Information to note from Menno Women in Mission:

Box Tops for Education are no longer being collected for Peace Academic Center (formerly Hopi Mission School) in Arizona. Receipts may now be scanned for the destination of your choice.

Cards for St. Jude's will be accepted to be recycled; however, the program will not accept Hallmark, American Greeting, Disney, or not-profit cards. You may place cards to recycle in the basket near the mailboxes, but please be aware of these restrictions. Thank you!

All are invited to take part in Bethel College's annual Lighting of the Green, from wherever you are. The event is Sunday, Dec. 13, 8 PM CST (6 PM PST). This long-standing Bethel Advent tradition celebrates the Light that shines in the darkness, the life and light of Christ who came into the world giving light to all humankind. Normally held on the Green in the center of campus, the gathering will take place virtually this year, live online (links follow) with some parts pre-recorded.

YouTube: <https://youtu.be/LZeLxduHoVk>

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/98444357235?pwd=N1MzQlpiQ29HQWZlWUs2NGpNWWtIZz09>

Offerings can be made online at mennomenonite.org/donate or by mail to Menno.