

MENNO MENNONITE CHURCH

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10:00 a.m. Worship

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Prelude

Words of Welcome

Emily Toews

Call to Worship

Announcements

Opening Songs

O Come All Ye Faithful

VT 241

O Little Town of Bethlehem

VT 245

Candle Lighting

Confession and Assurance

Donna Hostick

(recorded)

Children's Story

Emily Toews

Offering

O Thou that tellest

Juliana Schrag

(Recorded)

Scripture

Psalm 80:1-7

Sermon

Sung into Being

Bryce Miller

Luke 1:39-55

Response Song

Love Came Down

VT 258

Sharing our Joys and Concerns, Prayer

Sending Song

Love Came Down at Christmas

VT 255

Benediction

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.

Deacon nominations are due TODAY and will be tabulated following the service. Those receiving affirmations will be contacted to consider standing for election this week.

All are welcome to Christmas Eve. This simple lessons and carols service will begin at 6:30 Friday.

The board is pleased to relate Henry & Mary Boulton's request for membership at Menno. Emily and Bryce have both sat with them at length, as has the board. We commend them for their passion and, as they say, the sense of home they have found at Menno. We will celebrate their membership January 2.

Annual Reports are needed. The due date is no later than Sunday January 9 to the Menno office (secretary@mennomennonite.org). This is not far off, so please turn your attention to this as soon as you may

The MDS Okanogan Project will be starting up after the first of the year. There are 4 houses being worked on, 3 of which are already framed and dried in. There are openings for volunteers and other assistance. One area of need will be transportation; if you are willing to drive during the project, too, let us know.. See the project page at <http://mds.mennonite.net/okanogan-wa/> and watch this space for further announcements as we see this project through.

Consider supporting MCC through Gifts of Comfort and Joy, the 2021 Christmas giving guide. Choose a gift that changes lives, like clean water, stocking a fishpond, mosquito nets, sewing machines and books for young readers. Visit: mcc.org/christmas to give a gift of hope. – West Coast MCC

Upcoming at Menno

December 24, 6:30 PM

Christmas Eve Service

This Sunday

Speaker: Bryce Miller

Musician: Music Team

Greeters: Dennis Sr. & Katherine Swinger

Next Sunday

Speaker: Bryce Miller

Musician: Tim Schrag

Greeters: John & Marlene Unruh

Candle Litany

Leader: We light a candle of love, and imagine

People: the lowly lifted, fear met with love.

Leader: We light the candle and pray for God's face to shine on us, to save us, restore us.

People: Imagine that . . . we are God's wonders, blessed wonders.

Prayer of Confession

Leader: We notice, O God, that when you feed people, everyone has enough.

People: We notice that in our world, when we feed people, some have more than enough, and many are still hungry.

Leader: Teach us to love.

People: We notice, O God, that in your social, economic, racial, and gender orders, no one is greater, and no one is left behind.

Leader: We notice that in our world there are many ladders, and many are climbing.

People: Reorientate us to your vision of equality.

Leader: God of mercy, lower us, raise us, empty us, and fill us. Like an empty manger, we want to be ready to receive Emmanuel.

Words of Assurance

(adapted from Luke 1:46-49)

All: Our souls magnify the Lord, our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.

God has looked with favor on our lowliness.

The Mighty One has done great things for us, and holy is God's name.