

Welcome to

## ***Rochester Mennonite Church***

**December 3, 2017**

### **Sunday Morning Worship**

**9:00 AM**

Lois Kennel, Song Leader  
Rev. Galen Penner, Pastor

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### **GATHERING AND PRAISING**

#### **Words of Welcome**

**Gathering** (bulletin cover)

#### **Lighting the Advent Candle**

**Hymn** #1 (STS)

*Praise the One who breaks the darkness*

#### **Invocation**

**Hymn** #178 (HWB)

*Come, thou long-expected Jesus*

**Hymn** #172 (HWB)

*O come, O come, Immanuel*

### **SHARING AND PRAYING**

#### **Joys, Concerns and Announcements**

**Prayer Hymn** #353 (HWB)

*Lord, listen to your children praying*

#### **The Prayers of the People**

#### **Moments for Witness**

(How does my life and vocational call witness to the reign of God?)

### **HEARING GOD'S WORD**

#### **Scripture Reading**

Ezekiel 34:11-16  
Ephesians 1:15-23  
Matthew 25:31-46

#### **Children's Hymn**

*Jesus loves me*

#544 (HWB)

#### **Children's Story**

Kim Leichty

#### **Sermon**

*Aspirations of Greatness*

### **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

#### **Hymn**

*Will you let me be your servant*

#307 (HWB)

#### **Offering Ourselves and our Gifts to God**

(Monthly Giving – AIDS Relief Kit and Newborn Relief Kit)

#### **The Offering Hymn**

*Take my life*

*(vs. 1&4)*

#389 (HWB)

#### **The Offering Prayer**

#### **Hymn**

*I will come to you in the silence*

#49 (STS)

### **BLESSING AND SENDING**

#### **Wisdom and Wonder**

Paula Harms & Naomi Kennel

#### **Benediction**

#### **Doxology**

*Praise God from whom*

#119 (HWB)

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*The Rochester Mennonite Church is a congregation that welcomes people to join our community of faith so that they may grow in their personal understanding and relationship with God. Members and guests are appreciatively welcomed to this service of worship.*

## **Announcements**

**If you have announcements** to be included in the bulletin, please get them to Galen, preferably with the exact wording you wish to use, not later than Thursday morning. Also please indicate how long you wish to have the announcements included in the bulletin.

**The sign-up** sheet for being a worship leader, song leader, and doing the children's story for the next several months is available. Please sign up as you feel led.

### **Responsibilities for Next Sunday (December 10):**

- Set-up – Daniel Leichty
- Worship Leader –
- Song Leader –
- Children's Story –
- Adult Sunday School – David Brunner

**We extend our sympathies** to Phil and Kim Leichty and their family following the death of his father. A memorial service was held yesterday in Iowa City for Lowell.

**Advent At Home begins today!** Download the free guide for Advent family worship at [www.anabaptistfaithformation.org](http://www.anabaptistfaithformation.org). "Yes! Let It Be!" will help you slow down with your children to ponder and prepare for what it means to receive Jesus.

**Journey of Peace** will meet at Kabab Restaurant on December 10 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. The topic is "An Islamic Perspective on Compassion."

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## ***Rochester Mennonite Church***

(The Rochester Mennonite Church meets in the chapel of Christ United Methodist Church, located at 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 4<sup>th</sup> Street SW. The chapel is located in the northeast corner of the building.)

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