

Welcome to

Rochester Mennonite Church

December 17, 2017

Sunday Morning Worship

9:00 AM

Lois Kennel, Song Leader
Rev. Galen Penner, Pastor

GATHERING AND PRAISING

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship (bulletin cover)

Lighting the Advent Candles

Hymn #189 (HWB)

To us a Child of hope is born

Confession (bulletin cover/unison)

Words of Assurance

Invocation

Hymn #191 (HWB)

O little town of Bethlehem

Hymn #202 (HWB)

The virgin Mary had a baby boy

SHARING AND PRAYING

Joys, Concerns and Announcements

Prayer Hymn #353 (HWB)

Lord, listen to your children praying

The Prayers of the People

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:26-38

Children's Hymn

#544 (HWB)

Jesus loves me

Children's Story

Kim Leichty

Sermon

Let it be so

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn

#203 (HWB)

Break forth, O beauteous heavenly

Offering Ourselves and our Gifts to God

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

The Offering Hymn

#206 (HWB)

Infant holy, Infant lowly

The Offering Prayer

Hymn

#208 (HWB)

Love came down at Christmas

BLESSING AND SENDING

Wisdom and Wonder

Paula Harms & Naomi Kennel

Benediction

Doxology

#119 (HWB)

Praise God from whom

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 24):

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

Next Sunday December 24 our worship service will be centered around the theme of Lessons and Carols. It will be a time in which we can sing some of our favorite Christmas songs and hear the familiar Christmas scripture passages presented once again.

Also next Sunday December 24 we will have an extended time of fellowship following our worship service in room 38. We will not be having Sunday School on the 24th.

AMBS Leadership Clinics: Feb. 26, 2018. Topics include: Improvisational Leadership for the 21st Century: An Anabaptist Approach; The Church in the Age of Migration; and 7x7: Laments for an Age of Sexualized Power. Sign up by Feb. 6 for the lowest rate; group discounts are available.

Take some time to engage with Menno Snapshots, reflections and stories written by people across the church that are regularly posted on MC USA's website. Recent blog posts have featured topics including contemplative prayer, reviving civility, new motherhood and digitizing the MC USA Archives.

Pray for the 40 IBA volunteer tutors who serve at study centers across the country. May God bless them as they give of their time for this ministry and contribute to the training of new leaders for the Hispanic churches of Mennonite Church USA. May God grant them wisdom, patience and lots of energy as they continue to serve with IBA in the coming year.

Sympathies are expressed to Gordon and Paula following the death of Paula's mother.

Our annual Congregational Meeting will be held on January 28 (2018) following our morning service. We will not be having Sunday School that morning.

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

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