

Cuestra Visión es / Our Vision is:
Hacer Más Y Mejores Discípulos Para Jesucristo
Increasing Disciples for Jesus Christ in Depth and Numbers
Our Mission: Vehículo de Movilización / Mobilization Vehicle of: PESCAD

11:55 a.m.

Dirige: Sebastian Andrade

Esta congregación está basada y segura en Jesucristo y la guía del Espíritu Santo. Gócese con Dios en este ambiente familiar. This congregation is based securely in Jesus Christ, and guided by the Holy Spirit. May you enjoy this family of God.

"El nacimiento de Jesús fue el nacimiento del niño emigrante que no nace en medio de una fiesta sino, que nace en medio del frío desprotegido de paredes, en un pesebre para animales en una modesta y pobre situación económica, si quieres celebrar una feliz navidad ayuda a una persona o familia en necesidad este año./ The birth of Jesus was the birth of the child migrant who is not born in the middle of a party but that was born in the middle of the cold unprotected from walls, in a manger for animals in a modest and poor economic situation. if you want to celebrate a happy Christmas, help a person or family in need this year."
JV Montes

La Paz Del Mundo Comienza Amando A Tu Familia
The Peace of the World Begins with Loving Your Family
Mateo 1:18- 2:15

Tiempo De Preparación / Preparation Time

Oración de Apertura / Opening Prayer

Bienvenida / Welcome

Coordinador / Leader

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Alabemos y Adoremos Juntos / Praise and Adoration Together

Líder de Alabanza Para Hoy

Cantos de Alabanzas - Celebración

Singing of Praise - Celebration

Cantos de Adoración

Songs of Adoration

Diezmos & Ofrendas / Tithes & Offerings

Mario Faz

Grupo de Alabanza

Worship Team

Grupo de Alabanza

WorshipTeam

Coordinador / Leader

Oigamos la Palabra de Dios / Let Us Listen to God's Word:

Predica / Sermon

Evangelista Mario Faz

Tiempo de Ministración - Peticiones / Time of Ministering & Praying

Ujieres: Fernando Contreras, Guille Ibarra, Maxi Ambriz, Jesús Duran, Gerardo Aguilar.

Hoy:

6:00pm. Historia de Belén (Salón Social) TODOS SON BIENVENIDOS!!!

Reserve Estas Fechas:

Dic. 21, 7:00 p.m. 1- Oración 2- Alabanza 3- Estudio Bíblico /También, Kid's Club. (Traigan sus hijos a esta reunión.)

Dic. 20, 7:00 p.m. Reunión Concilio FMC

Dic. 22, 7:00 p.m. Práctica Worship Team para los Domingos

WHAT'S UP FAMILY / Red De Apoyo Matrimonial - (Entra en vacaciones para los meses de Dic. 2016 / Enero 2017)

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Sunday, December / Diciembre 18

5:00 a.m. Prayer Time in the Sanctuary
8:45 a.m. Prayer Time in the Infant Nursery
9:30 a.m. English Worship Service
10:00 a.m. Curso Cuidado Pastoral
10:45 a.m. Tiempo de Compañerismo Cristiano
11:00 a.m. Christian Education Hour
11:00 a.m. Reenfoque Espiritual - Sucesos De La Vida (AFC)
11:50 a.m. Servicio Alabanza y Adoración. Worship Services
6:00 p.m. Bethlehem Village in FH

Monday, December / Diciembre 19

7:00 p.m. Practica Alabanza Para Los Miercoles

Tuesday, December / Diciembre 20

9:30 a.m. Needles & Notions in Room 2
7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

Wednesday, December / Diciembre 21

7:00 p.m. Oración y Estudio Bíblico para Adultos
7:00 p.m. "Bethel" PIM Young Adults
7:00 p.m. Kids Club
7:00 p.m. MYF at Steve & Glenna's House
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, December / Diciembre 25

5:00 a.m. Prayer Time in the Sanctuary
10:30 a.m. English Worship Service
12:00 p.m. Spanish Worship Service

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Emphasizing Christ-centered community and the Jesus way of service and peacemaking.

9:30 a.m.

Love is a Verb

Walking in the Way of God's Heart – Advent 4

Gathering

Music for Gathering Eleanor and Andrea Friesen

Carols for Flute & Organ

Welcome and Prayer Ruth Buxman

Gathering litany

Leader: *In the nighttime of our longing, we find ourselves far from God's presence.*

People: Even though we yearn to see God's face, our daily burdens and distractions keep us from coming near. We forget that the truest joy comes from being in God's presence.

All: **Come! Walk in God's presence.**

Lighting the Advent Candle

Come, Light of the World

C F C B♭ F/C C E♭ G F/G

Come, Light of the world. Come, Light of the world!
Come, Prince of Peace Come, Prince of Peace

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Text: traditional
Music: Randall L. Spaulding, 2002
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Chorale Anthem Church Choir

The Glory of the Father (Hovland)

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

I Wonder as I Wander (arr. Niles)

Praising

Advent Scripture Reading

Psalms 80

A Song of the Season

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

WH 201

Confessing and Reconciling

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

Leader: *God of restoration,*

People: we yearn to walk in your way but often choose our own path of turmoil and pain. Save us, Lord, from the pride and foolishness of choosing our own course, that we may humbly and confidently follow your lead, through Jesus Christ, Amen.

Leader: *Throughout the tumult of life, God holds you close in love. Rejoice, because God's wisdom is your guide, God's compassion is your strength. God's love is your redemption.*

All: **Come, let us walk in the way of God's heart!**

Responding in Song

Alleluia!

WH 101

Hearing

Time with our Children

Barbara Ewy

Advent Scripture Reading

Isaiah 7:10-16 and Matthew 1:18-25

Worship Music

Church Choir

Shepherds, What Fragrance (arr. Willcocks)

Meditation

Stephen Penner

Contemplating the Birth of Jesus

Responding

Hymn of Advent Joy

Where is This Stupendous Stranger

WH 200

Prayers of the People

Stephen Penner

Hymn of Advent Joy

Fling Wide the Door, Unbar the Gate!

WH 186

Sending

Benediction

Postlude

To a Virgin Meek and Mild (arr. Barker)

Welcome to Our Service of Worship We are so glad you have joined us today to participate in this service of worship. Please know that regardless of where you have come from, or what you have experienced in the past, we welcome you. If you have a particular prayer concern, or would appreciate a visit, please contact one of the deacons or pastors. If you are visiting today, we are glad you are here.

Nursery A staffed, early childhood nursery is in Room 3 of the Education wing. An unstaffed infant nursery is in the back of the sanctuary.

Christmas Mourning You are invited to join CCCMB at 2:00 p.m. this afternoon for a service of Christmas Mourning. You are welcome to join in as we take time to be present to our grief, from the loss of loved ones, to the loss of a dream, to grief around national and worldwide events. God holds our tears and longings with the tenderness of One who is also acquainted with grief, with the tenderness of One whose pulsing heart of love always beats for us. The church is located at 2529 Willow Avenue in Clovis.

Annual Children's Christmas Program The annual children's Christmas program will be this evening at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Once again this year we will re-create a first century village scene for this fun-filled, educational, inter-generational Christmas program. Please plan to join us this evening. Christmas goodies, cookies and the like, are requested. Please bring a plate of Christmas treats to share with everyone! Please take them to the kitchen when you arrive.

Christmas Caroling at Sierra View Homes Our annual joyful time of singing Christmas carols at Sierra View Homes will happen tomorrow evening. We will meet in the lobby outside the Founders Dining Room at 5:00 p.m. After caroling all around the campus, we will adjourn for some light refreshments.

Christmas Day Worship Service This year Christmas falls on a Sunday. Our Christmas day worship service will begin at 10:30 a.m. We will celebrate the birth of Christ by hearing the Christmas story again. We will sing Christmas carols and various individuals and groups will sing or perform special numbers. It will be a joyful service!

Pastoral Absence Pastor Juan and Carmen Montes are in Dallas, TX today for the ordination of their daughter, Sandra Montes Martinez. Sandra is the moderator of Iglesia Menonita Hispana and the pastor of Iglesia Menonita Monte Horeb in Dallas. The Monte Horeb congregation is a member of the Western District Conference of Mennonite Church USA.

Condolences We extend our condolences to Agnes Jantz. Her husband, Ramon Jantz, died early in morning of December 14. Ramon was 97 years old. A memorial service will be held at our church at 11:00 a.m. on January 4 2017.

Bethlehem Experience Kingsburg MB Church presents a living nativity. The *Bethlehem Experience* is a live walk-through nativity for the whole family. A Spanish only version will be presented on Monday, December 19, from 6-8 p.m. The English versions are on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 20 & 21. Tours available from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Free admission. Kingsburg MB Church is located at 1301 Stroud Ave.

Four by Four Gatherings in 2017 A signup sheet is available at the back of the church for everyone interested in participating in "four by four" gatherings in the first half of 2017. This is a purely voluntary opportunity. If you sign up (either as a family unit, a couple, or a single person) you will be assigned to a group with three other "units." We ask that each group meet together four times, preferably in February, March, April, and May. It's a way to get to know people in our church that you may not know so well right now!

Prayer Vine Tom and Disa Rutschman, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, have shared Jesus as the Light of the World through many long winters on the Arctic Circle in Sweden. Pray that this year they may again create sparks of life through teaching in schools and the leadership they provide at Jokkmokk Free Church.