

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

9:30 a.m.
Your Will Be Done

Epiphany: Yes! Let it be Declared

Gathering

Gathering Music
Wisdom and Wonder
Let it be...
Call to Worship, Introductions, and Invocation
Reading from Isaiah
Isaiah 60:1-6

The Zimmerman Family
Ryan and Marty Zimmerman

Christine Moyer

Praising

Christmas Hymns of Praise and Joy
Arise, Your Light is Come
I want to Walk as a Child of the Light
Sharing our Tithes and Offerings
Song of the Season
Joy to the World

At Right
STJ 95

WH 318

Hearing

Time with our Children
Advent Hymn
What Child is This
Reading from the New Testament
Matthew 2:1-12
Proclamation
When Tyrants Tremble

Alan Ewy

WH 215

Katerina Friesen

Responding

Worship Music
Words of Confession
All O God,

The Zimmerman Family

Your light has come, your glory risen,
and your brightness dawned,
illuminating not only the way of the magi,
but all our paths.

From your fullness we have received grace upon grace
as your mystery has been revealed
and your presence made known.

Now we too are called to arise, shine,
and return by another road.

Yet we confess that
instead of lifting our eyes and searching diligently,
instead of walking with boldness and confidence,
instead of revealing and proclaiming your presence,
we cling to what we have and know,
and we continue on our old, familiar ways home.

We are frightened by the unknown,
and by the darkness that covers the earth.

Forgive us.

Responding

*Leader In silence we come to the light.
O God, may the eternal light of Christmas, of love,
shine in our hearts, shine in our world.
(silently we move towards the candle's light, and light a
candle)*

Words of Assurance

*Leader O God, Emmanuel,
in Jesus, the Christ, you have come among us.
You have given us life and light, and we are restored.*

Morning Prayer

Stephen Penner

Sending

Sending Song
My Life Flows On

WH 580

Benediction
Wisdom and Wonder
Let it be...

Postlude

Welcome We are glad you are here. We want you to know that no matter who you are, or what your experiences in life have been, you are welcome here at our church. We welcome your participation and your questions. We desire to walk with you on this earthly journey. If you have particular matters for prayer, or would appreciate a visit, please contact one of our pastors or deacons. Their contact information is on the back of this bulletin.

Nursery The staffed, early childhood nursery is in Room 3 of the Education Wing. The un-staffed infant nursery is in the back of the sanctuary. Volunteers in the nursery are: Today - Fran Loewen; January 14 - Sharon Reimer; January 21 - Debra Lyons.

Upcoming Worship Services Next Sunday, and continuing through February 11, our Sunday morning worship services will focus on the minor prophets. Stephen Penner will bring the morning proclamation on January 14, 28, and February 11. Barbara Ewy will be preaching on January 21. We will detour from the minor prophets' theme on February 4. Jon Gering, the new president of Bethel College, will bring the morning message on that Sunday. Also, on that same Sunday, we will celebrate James and Brenda Isaacs' many years of ministry within the Mennonite Church.

Dine Out This Wednesday evening is the annual Borscht and Albundigas Soup fundraising supper in support of Mary Raber, Mennonite Mission Networker missionary in the Ukraine. The meal will be served between 5:30 and 7:00 p.m.

Annual Business Meeting Our annual church business meeting will be on Sunday, January 28, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. At this meeting we will hear various reports, consider the 2018 church budget, and in general contemplate the status of our congregation at the beginning of the new fiscal and calendar year.

Understanding the Central Valley's Movement for Equality, Faith, and Justice Dina Gonzalez-Pina, MCC's Ethnic and Gender Equity Specialist, will be leading a day-long reflection called "Understanding the Central Valley's Movement for Equality, Faith, and Justice" on Saturday, January 13. The event will take place at the National Chavez Center in Keene, California (near Tehachapi) from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The participation fee, which includes lunch, is \$25. Those who wish to car pool to the event should meet in the church parking lot near the Fellowship Hall at 7:30 a.m.

4 by 4 In early 2018 we want to form a number of 4 by 4 groups. These small groups bring together four family units from the length and breadth of our congregation to meet together four times. It's a great opportunity to learn to know more people in our congregation. We hope to form the groups by sometime this month so that the groups can begin meeting, each on their own schedule, by February. If you would like to be part of a 4 by 4 group, please sign up on the sheet at the back table.

Visiting Writers Series It's the tenth anniversary of the Jean and Louis Janzen Visiting Writers Series! Mennonite poet Becca J.R. Lachman will read from her work, including a collaboration with visual artist Astrid Kaemmerling, whose artwork will be on display. The free public event is on Thursday, January 25, at 7:30 p.m. in North Hall 132 at Fresno Pacific University. The reading will be followed by refreshments and book signing. Please direct any questions to eleanor.nickel@fresno.edu.

Arise, your light is come!

FESTAL SONG SM

Descant, verse 4

4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song! Rise up!

1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song!

Rise up like ea-gles on the wing; God's pow'r will make us strong.

show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap-tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
bind up the bro-ken-heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea-gles on the wing; God's pow'r will make us strong.

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