

*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.**  
Coordina: Francisca Valdovinos

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.

"La GRACIA, ejecutada en las sangres derramada de los corderos del antiguo y renovado pacto, Jesús fue al máximo y excelente ejecutor. Iniciando una larga relación de amor entre Dios, y sus hijos. / GRACE, executed in the bloodshed of the lambs of the old and new covenant, Jesus is the maximum and excellent executor, starting a long relationship of love between God and his children."  
Juan Montes

**Para poder seguir tengo, que intentarlo de nuevo**  
**To be able to continue, try again**  
Efesio. 1:4-9

**Tiempo De Preparación / Preparation Time**

Oración de Apertura / Opening Prayer                      Coordinador / Leader  
Bienvenida / Welcome    Coordinador / Leader

**Alabemos y Adoremos Juntos / Praise and Adoration Together**

Líder de Alabanza Para Hoy                                      Leonard Míreles  
Cantos de Alabanzas - Celebración                      Grupo de Alabanza  
Singing of Praise - Celebration                              Worship Team  
Cantos de Adoración    Grupo de Alabanza  
Songs of Adoration    WorshipTeam  
Diezmos & Ofrendas / Tithes & Offerings              Coordinador / Leader

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

Predica / Sermon    *Pastor Juan Montes*  
*Relación entre Gracia y Sangre*  
*Relationship between Grace and Blood*

Tiempo de Ministración - Peticiones / Time of Ministering & Praying  
Ujieres: Fernando Contreras, Guille Ibarra, Maxi Ambriz, Jesús Duran, Gerardo Aguilar.

**Hoy:**

5:00 p.m. Futbol hoy / Soccer today en el Sports Park

**Reserve estas Fechas:**

Marzo 7-14-21-28. Practica alabanza salón social.  
Marzo 7:00 p.m. 10-17- 24- 31. Practica Worship team  
Marzo 8. 7:00 p.m. Reunión "Relid"  
Marzo 15. 7:00 p.m. Reunión del Concilio  
Marzo 24. 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service  
Marzo 25. 7:00 p.m. Viernes Santo Santa Cena  
Marzo 27. 10:00-11:30 a.m. Servicio de Alabanza y Adoración Salón Social  
Marzo 27. 12:30 p.m. Compañerismo PIM en Burris Park  
Mayo 1. Día Del Amigo" "Sabático pastores Montes. (Viaje misionero Colombia - Ecuador)

**EVENTS OF THE WEEK**

**Sunday, March / Marzo 6**

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  
5:00 p.m. Soccer at the Sports Park  
7:00 p.m. Musica Viva

**Monday, March / Marzo 7**

12:00 p.m. AA Meeting in the Fireside Room  
6:00 p.m. Practica Alabanza Salón Social  
7:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting

**Tuesday, March / Marzo 8**

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

**Wednesday, March / Marzo 9**

7:00 p.m. Oración y Estudio Bíblico para Adultos  
7:00 p.m. Kids Club  
7:00 p.m. MYF  
7:00 p.m. Prayer, Bible Study Young Adults "Bethel" PIM  
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice  
8:00 p.m. Worship Young Adult "Bethel" PIM

**Thursday, March / Marzo 10**

7:00 p.m. Practica Grupo de Alabanza / Worship Team Training

**Friday-Saturday, March / Marzo 11-12**

6:30 p.m. Peace Center Retreat

**Sunday, March / Marzo 13**

5:00 a.m. Prayer Time in the Sanctuary  
8:45 a.m. Prayer Time in the Infant Nursery  
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**Primera Iglesia Menonita**

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*March / Marzo 6, 2016*

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

**9:30 a.m.**

*The Mission of God in a World of Complexity*

**Living Ink: Leaping off the Page -- Lent 4**

**Gathering**

Music for Gathering Eleanor Friesen  
*Have Mercy Lord* (Bach)  
Choral Introit Church Choir  
*There is an Eye* (Oliver)  
Call to Worship and Prayer Lance Zimmerman  
*Leader: Because your steadfast love is better than life,*  
All: We gather to praise you.  
*Leader: Because your steadfast love is better than life,*  
All: We will bless you as long as we live.  
*Leader: Because your steadfast love is better than life,*  
All: We will lift up our hands and call on your name.  
Scripture Reading  
*Isaiah 55:1-9*  
Hymn of Faith SJ 42  
*Listen God is Calling*

**Confessing**

Our Joys and Concerns  
Prayer of Confession and Reconciliation  
*Almighty and gracious god, we confess that we don't give all of ourselves to you. We lack the vulnerability to fully invite you into our midst and we look for strength in places other than you. Like Adam and Eve, we try to hide our nakedness from you. Accept our confession, and break us from the idols of strength we use to hide our vulnerabilities. Help us to live as vulnerable people who know ourselves to be embraced by your loving arms. Amen.*

Words of Assurance  
*Psalms 63:1-8*  
Hymn of Faith WH 505  
*I am Thine, O Lord*

**Hearing**

Gospel Reading  
*Luke 13:1-9*  
Children's Story  
Choral Anthem Church Choir  
*Wilt Thou Forgive* (Sirett)  
Meditation Lynn Jost  
*Message*

**Responding**

Time of Reflection and Communion  
Prayer  
*Leader: Midst the tumult of life we hear your Spirit's call.*  
People: In the still of the early dawn we sense your touch.  
*Leader: We turn our hearts and minds to you, our God. Hear our prayer.*  
**Women: Be near, O Lord, to those who are lonely, or feel pain, this day.**

**Male: Be present to fellow travelers around the world who struggle this day.**

*Leader: We thank you for the sweet communion we know in this, our fellowship*

People: We pray for the strength to be faithful in thoughts, words, and actions.

*Leader: Give us power and peace in serving you, our God.*

**All: Amen.**

Bringing our Tithes and Offerings  
*My Song is Love Unknown* (Osterland)

**Blessing**

Sending Song WH 76  
*Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord*  
Benediction  
Postlude  
*Caccia* (Dellojoio)

**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 Workers** The staffed, early childhood nursery is in Room 3 of the Education Wing. An unstaffed infant nursery is in the back of the sanctuary.

**Pastoral Absence** Steve Penner is at Mennonite Mission Network board meetings in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Today he will be speaking at the Crossroads Mennonite Church in Timberville, Virginia. Steve returns home on tomorrow evening.

**Welcome to Lynn Jost** Our guest speaker during this morning's worship service is Dr. Lynn Jost from the Fresno Pacific University Biblical Seminary. At the seminary, Lynn is the Professor of Old Testament and Preaching and serves as the Director of the Anabaptist Center.

**During the Coming Weeks** Our Lenten journey continues next Sunday on the fifth Sunday of Lent. During the morning worship service Jayla Sandoval and David Boldt will lend their musical gifts to our worship service. Stephen Penner will bring the morning meditation next week. On Palm Sunday, March 20, Dr. Valerie Rempel from the Fresno Pacific Biblical Seminary will offer the morning meditation and our church choir will sing. Our Maundy Thursday service will be on March 24 at 7:00 p.m. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall and share at the Lord's Table.

**Musica Viva** Dieter Wulfhorst and Susan Doering, professors of music at Fresno Pacific University, will present a concert of string music entitled "Dances From Around the World." The program begins at 7:00 p.m. this evening in our sanctuary. The concert will be a musical trip across the globe - from Italy to Hungary and the Americas.

**Church Directory** Today is the last day to make changes in the church directory. Please review the copy on the stand in the back and make the needed changes.

**New E-mail Address** Please note the church's new address - fmcreedley1@gmail.com.

**Prayer Vine** Alisha and Josh Garber of Mennonite Mission Network teach and mentor students at LCC International University in Lithuania. Throughout the winter, Josh has battled bronchitis. Pray for renewed energy for Josh and for the health of Alisha and their first child expected in May.

**Peace Center** March 11-12, 13th Annual Reedley Peace Center Retreat at St. Nicholas Retreat Center. Featured presenter: Alice Daniel of The California report on NPR.

**Spring Forward** Daylight Savings Time starts next weekend. Be sure to set your clocks forward one hour before going to bed on Saturday night so that you get to church on time Sunday morning!

**West Coast Mennonite Sale & Auction** is April 1-2. Now is the time to start saving your coins for *My Coins Count (MCC)* formerly known as Penny Power. There are bottles available on the back table for you to take. However, you can use any type of container. Put them close to where you empty your pocket change and drop your change into the container. Bring your container to the sale April 1 or 2, or bring them to the church by March 27.

**A Hymn to God the Father, By John Donne**

Wilt thou forgive that sin where I begun,  
Which was my sin, though it were done before?  
Wilt thou forgive that sin, through which I run,  
And do run still, though still I do deplore?  
When thou hast done, thou hast not done,  
For I have more...

I have a sin of fear, that when I have spun  
My last thread, I shall perish on the shore;  
But swear by thyself, that at my death thy Son  
Shall shine as he shines now, and heretofore;  
And, having done that, thou hast done;  
I fear no more.