

December 30, 2018
Worship: 9:30 am
Christian education: 11:00 am

GATHERING

Prelude Beth Suderman

Welcome, announcements, introductions

Call to worship

*Hymns *Good Christian friends, rejoice* HWB 210
Angels we have heard on high HWB 197

CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

Confession The Apostle's Creed HWB 712

Lighting the Peace Candle SaeJin Lee
God of Peace, Christ of Peace, Spirit of Peace, you are calling us to be peacemakers. Today we light this candle as a reminder of our calling.
Dios de paz. Cristo de paz. Espíritu de paz. Tú nos llamas para ser pacificadores. Hoy encendemos esta candela para recordarnos de este llamado.

Hymn *Joy to the world* HWB 318

TEACHING

Children's time Lane Miller

*Hymns *What child is this* HWB 215
Helpless and hungry SS 26

Scripture John 1:1-5, 14
Colossians 3:12-17

Sermon **God's love in the flesh;
Putting skin in the game** Tim Stair

RESPONDING

*Hymn *O come, all ye faithful* HWB 212

Responding in testimony and sharing Tim Stair
What spoke to you this morning? What joys and concerns would you share? (Please be brief and focused.)

Prayer

Offering
(Please sign the attendance register at the end of the row)

*Hymns *Hark! the herald angels sing* HWB 201

*Benediction

*Postlude

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*Please stand if you are able for items marked with an asterisk.

Children grades K through 5 are invited to the playground at the back of the sanctuary for quiet activities after the children's time.

Please return your hymnal(s) to a cart in the hallway.

Christian education today

Adults will conclude the study of *Pathways*, working with the Mennonite Church USA Journey Forward goals.

Children and youth will meet in their classes as usual.

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Song leader Chris Habegger
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Marlyn Fast, Lucille Gering
Childcare Sueann VonGunten, Rachele Claassen
Sound system Marlyn Fast

Snacks Rhonda and John Landgraf

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Tim Stair, worship leader
Carry-in lunch

Attendance, December 23 85, including 4 guests

Birthdays this week

Belen Montoya (31)
Melody Claassen (1)

Calendar for the week

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Thurs, Jan 3, 10 am Deacons Council
Thurs, Jan 3, 6 pm Rios de Agua Viva
Sat, Jan 5, 7-9 am Rios de Agua Viva

Upcoming calendar items

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6 pm focusing on spirituality and economics
Sun, Feb 3 Congregational business meeting

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Lacasa is always looking for volunteers to help with remodeling tasks, and right now has a job in downtown Elkhart. An apartment on Main Street needs to be scrubbed down in order to be "flipped" for a new tenant. We can use help on any of these days:

Jan 2, 3, 4, 5
Jan. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11

They can use volunteers any period of time between 8:30 am and 3:30 pm on weekdays or on Saturdays from 8:30 to noon. To volunteer, email kate.irelan@lacasainc.net, fill out the form at <https://lacasainc.net/volunteer>, or call 574-533-4450 ext. 17.

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