

Tabor Mennonite Church

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O Sing to the Lord:

O Come into God's Presence with Singing

This morning we enter God's presence with thanksgiving and with singing as we join our voices in singing many of the heart songs of our congregation. Give thanks to the Lord and bless God's holy name! For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever and God's faithfulness to all generations!

GATHERING AND PRAISING

PRELUDE Pastor Katherine Goerzen

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Reece Hiebert

RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 95: 1-7a*

*GATHERING HYMN "Come, we that love the Lord" vs. 1, 2, 4 No. 14

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMNS OF PRAISE "Come, thou fount" No. 521
"Hallelu, Hallelu"

Heart Song Sharing Pastor Katherine
"How Great Thou Art" No. 9 CS

*PASSING THE PEACE *The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.*

PROCLAIMING

SCRIPTURE READING *Psalm 100* Carrie Friesen,
Eric Litwiller, Porcelain Unruh
The Word of God for the people of God ~ **Thanks be to God!**

CHILDREN'S STORY Kristin Unruh

WORSHIP MUSIC "Whispering Hope" Leann and Jerry Toews

HEART SONG SHARING Barb Abrahams
"The love of God" No. 44 STJ

HEART SONG SHARING Brian Lightner
"Wonderful grace of Jesus" No. 150

HEART SONG SHARING Denise Nickel
"Benediction" No. 130 CS

RESPONDING

*HYMN OF RESPONSE "Blessed assurance" -vs. 1, 3 No. 332

OFFERING OUR GIFTS "We plow the fields and scatter" No. 96
Red bags - Tabor Budget / Gift Bags - Christmas in Ecuador

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER Pastor Phil Schmidt

SENDING

*SENDING HYMN "My life flows on" No. 580
Heart Song Sharing Pastor Phil

*BENEDICTION & POSTLUDE

Today

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Russ and Sharleen Francis and family and Steve and Bonnie Janzen. *A special welcome is extended to all visitors.*

At the back of the sanctuary there is a quiet room for infants and mothers, and a toddler nursery for those age three and under, staffed today by Sarahanne Unruh and Audessi Unruh.

In the pew pockets are **Welcome Cards** and **Prayer Request Cards**. If you are visiting Tabor, please fill out a **Welcome Card** and return it in the offering bag. If you have a prayer request or praise item, please fill out a **Prayer Request Card** and return to a Pastor's mailbox.

Coffee Bar: Coffee, non-coffee drinks and baked goods for sale. Proceeds will go towards the building fund.

10:45 a.m.—Faith Formation for everyone.

This Week

Tuesday, November 28

9:15 a.m.—Community Prayer

10:00 a.m.—Staff meeting

11:30 a.m.—Tabor Ladies Lunch Bunch at Bethesda

Wednesday, November 29

Wednesday Evening Ministries

Pastor Rosie will be on vacation Nov. 21 - 30.

Pastor Rosie's sabbatical begins Dec. 1 and continues until March 1.

Budget Update: Annual Budget: \$ 268,086.00
Giving through November 19: \$ 241,676.75
Needed to meet budget: \$ 26,409.25

Next Sunday, December 3

9:00 a.m.— Jerry Toews Christmas Piano Prelude

9:30 a.m.—Next Sunday is the first Sunday of the season of Advent, and we will begin a worship series focusing on the "Lukan canticle" (4 songs recorded in the Gospel of Luke). Next Sunday's specific focus is Mary's Song ("The Magnificat") from Luke 1:46-55 and Pastor Phil will be preaching.

Items for MCC Relief Kits will be collected throughout Advent. Shopping lists are in your church mailboxes. Please bring items to give during the Sunday morning offering or place in the basket in the foyer.

10:45 a.m.—Faith Formation for everyone.

3:30-5:30 p.m.—Parsonage Open House

6:30 p.m.—Christmas Hymn Sing. Please bring cookies for the social to follow.

Tabor Trading Post will be open following Faith Formation and following events of the day.

Prayer Requests

No requests were shared on Sunday, November 19.

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ All who are recovering from illness or grieving the loss of loved ones. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ Those impacted by many natural disasters and violence taking place around the country and world. Lord, hear our prayer.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ The abundant blessings in our lives and in our world that we especially recognize during this season of Thanksgiving. Thanks be to God!

Dates to Remember:

Dec. 9: Tabor Mennonite Women Christmas Breakfast
 Dec. 10: Christmas Brass at Alexanderwohl
 Dec. 17: Adult Choir Christmas Proclamation
 Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Celebration Service

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE November 19, 2017

Offering	= \$ 5,813.51	Attendance	= 212
Adult F.F.	= \$ 29.00	Attendance	= 99
Jr. F.F.	= \$ 16.20	Attendance	= 46



GOAL = \$1,000,000

Committed = \$833,735

\$166,265 Still Needed

This week's receipts:

Mennonite Men Fundraiser = \$3,000

Matching Challenge paid = \$1,020 (Matching Challenge Remaining = \$7,580)

Funds for pledge fulfillment = \$19,719

New Contributions = \$1,020



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Prelude: 9:15am

Worship: 9:30am

Fellowship Time: 10:30am

Faith Formation: 10:45am

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