Tabor Mennonite Church

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Rejoicing in God's Justice

On this third Sunday of Advent we rejoice and join with the voice who calls out from the wilderness, converting us to the way of God's justice. Out of this rejoicing comes the call to make changes in the way we live so that this justice may be shared with others.

GATHERING AND PRAISING

PRELUDE Mark Schmidt

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Carol Duerksen

RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE K - 1st Grade Faith Formation Class HYMN "Nun ist sie erschienen" No. 52 CS

Michelle Unruh, Accompanist

*CALL TO WORSHIP screens

*GATHERING HYMN "My soul is filled with joy" -vs. 1,3,4, &5 No. 13 SJ

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN OF JOY "Oh, how joyfully" No. 209

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

PROCLAIMING

CHILDREN'S STORY Eric Litwiller

WORSHIP MUSIC "O beautiful star of Bethlehem" Ouartet

SCRIPTURE READING Zephaniah 3: 14-20 Ruby Graber Luke 3: 7-18 Sara Hiebert

The Word of God for the people of God ~ Thanks be to God!

SERMON Pastor Katherine Goerzen

RESPONDING

*HYMN OF RESPONSE "Jesus Christ is waiting" -vs. 1,3,4 No. 30 SJ

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER Pastor Rosie Jantz

SENDING

*SENDING HYMN "Helpless and hungry" No. 26 SS "What child is this" No. 215

*BENEDICTION AND 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 Jim and Diana Schmidt and Rod and Ilona Abrahams. *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 Eunice Nickel and David Johnson.

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

Tabor Trading Post will be open.

Pastor Phil and family are in Ohio and will return on December 20.

This Week

<u>Tuesday, December 18</u>: 11:30 p.m.—Tabor Ladies Lunch Bunch.

<u>Wednesday, December 19</u>: Wednesday Evening Activities Please see announcements

<u>Thursday, December 20</u>: 10:00 a.m.—Stories & Stuff. Please come to celebrate the Christmas season with food, fun and stories.

Next Sunday, December 23

9:30 a.m.—Next Sunday is the fourth Sunday in Advent. Come to hear the Adult Choir present "The Candle of Christmas," with music and readings about Jesus, the true Light.

All Preschoolers (4 yr. olds) are invited to meet in the library at 9:25 to receive candles and then help bring in the light near the beginning of the worship service (see Pastor Phil's newsletter article for more details).

Advent Offering: Items for MCC Infant Care Kits may be donated throughout Advent. Shopping lists were in your mailbox. Please place your donations under the Christmas tree in the sanctuary.

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

Dates to Remember:

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Celebration Service

Dec. 26: Blood drive

Dec. 30: Worship 10am. Fellowship time during Faith Formation hour.

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ strength for those who are struggling with illness and health issues during this busy time. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ all who are grieving and hurting in this holiday season. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ the many people working diligently on our church building project. Lord, hear our prayer for safety and strength.
- ★ Caring Quilt Locations: The caring quilts are home.

Remember to praise God for:

- ★ the season of Advent, which reminds us in the midst of the busyness of life to watch and wait for signs of God's Messiah. Thanks be to God!
- ★ Carson Voth, who graduated from Pittsburgh State University on December 14. Thanks be to God, and may God bless Carson in his journey forward.

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE December 9, 2018

Offering = \$5,049.42 Attendance = 194 Adult F.F. = \$ 54.00 Attendance = 52 Jr. F.F. = \$ 14.25 Attendance = 54

Tabor Worship Services to view: Sermons can be found on the Tabor Church website. The entire service is kept as an unlisted, secure link. If you would like to view a service, please email Kim Funk (kfunk@tabormennonie.org) and the link will be emailed to you.

Sermon Notes



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Prelude: 9:15am Worship: 9:30am Fellowship Time: 10:30am Faith Formation: 10:45am

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