



**Proclaiming
Second Sunday of Advent**
December 9, 2018

*Welcome to Sunday morning worship at College Mennonite Church.
If you are a guest, see pages 3 and 4 for more information.*

**We Gather
Nos Reunimos**

Songs for Gathering

Kevin Miller
Instrumentalists: Diane Hertzler, Pete Miller, Mike Hoover

Prelude and Advent Chiming

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” (arr. Lorenz)

“Creator of the Stars of Night” (arr. Gingrich)

Jubilate! Handbell Choir

Welcome

David Maldonado

Call to Worship

Leader: Prepare the way of the Lord, for things are about to change.

People: **Every valley shall be filled in and every mountain made low.**

Leader: As we await the coming of the Messiah, we are called to prepare our hearts for his coming.

People: **We are called to turn around, repent, and allow God to renew us and work within us.**

All: *Then we will see the salvation of our God!*

**We Praise
Alabamos**

Hymn

“Bless’d be the God of Israel”

H 174

“Prepare the way of the Lord”

SS 14

Advent Candle Lighters Tonya Schrock, Rowan and Simon Blanchard

Anthem

“God of the Watching Ones” (Dengler)

Adult Choir

Prayers of the People

David Maldonado

We Listen Escuchamos

Hymn	“Peace before us” (vv. 1, 3, 5)	SS 16
Children’s Time		Laura Green
Hymn	“He came down”	SJ 31
Scriptures	Luke 1:68-79	
Sermon	“Anabaptism and Advent pt. 2”	Phil Waite

We Respond Respondemos

Hymn	“Comfort, comfort, O my people”	H 176
God at Work	“Hospitality”	Sue Neeb

Offering

Bring your offering forward to baskets in the front. Children and ushers will assist those who prefer not to get out of their pews.

Ritual of Friendship: Please sign the friendship booklet, pass it to your left, and then return it to the other end of the pew.

Offertory Shirley Friesen
Doxology

Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving

Closing Hymn	“Somos pueblo que camina”	SJ 8
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Benediction

Extending Peace and Welcome

Postlude	“Somos pueblo que camina”
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Peace Candle Reflections



“Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom’s goal.”

—Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930 (Hymnal 366)

The candle shines each Sunday reminding each of us to take seriously the gospel of peace.

We believe that all individuals are created in God's image, and all people, regardless of age, gender, race, citizenship status, abilities, or sexual orientation, are welcome as full participants in the life of our congregation.

Creemos que todo ser humano es creado a imagen de Dios, y toda persona, sin distinción de edad, género, raza, estatus migratorio, habilidades u orientación sexual, es bienvenida y aceptada como participante activo en la vida de nuestra congregación.

Welcome!

We extend a special welcome to guests joining us for worship today. Some details to help you find your way at CMC:

Today's Schedule

- 8 a.m. Shalom Ringers
- 9 a.m. Coffee in the south hallway and west foyer
- 9:15 a.m. Songs for gathering
- 9:30 a.m. Worship service
- 10:30 a.m. Deaf Christian Fellowship Bible Study
- After worship Sunday school for children, youth and adults

- **Greeters** are happy to answer your questions and assist you in finding restrooms, coffee, Sunday school classes, and more.
- **Care for infants** is in Room 125; for toddlers and twos in Room 124.
- **Hearing devices** and **large-print bulletins** are available on the counter outside the church office.
- *Se puede escuchar el mensaje en español mediante los audífonos disponibles en el centro de bienvenida que se encuentra en el pasillo cerca de la puerta "J" del santuario.* (Receivers for Spanish language translation are available at the Information Center in the hallway next to door J.) *Intérprete:* Miguel Cabrera
- **Recordings:** CDs of the worship service are available by Monday at the Information Center in the south hall. Worship service videos are available at www.collegemennonite.org.

CMC Office Hours

Sunday: 9 a.m. to 12 noon

Monday through Thursday: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Friday and Saturday: closed

Library hours: 8:45–9:30 a.m. and after the worship service

Sunday School Classes – After Worship

Infants (Rm 125)

Grades 1–3 (Rm 121)

Toddlers (Rm 124)

Grades 4–5 (Rm 131)

Twos and Threes (Rm 123)

Genesis – Gr. 6–8 (Basement)

Fours and Fives (Rm 122)

MYF – Gr. 9–12 (Basement)

Borderlands (Rm 111) An open and affirming group exploring the integration of faith, life, and relationships

College Age Fellowship (Rm 143–144) College-age and young adult fellowship

Embajadores de Cristo (Rm 100) ¿Qué es un cristiano/a anabautista?

Growing Roots (Rm 134) Stories of Reconciliation

Homebuilders (Rm 100 at 8 a.m.) “Enter God Again”

Horizons (Rm 120) A welcoming and informal group

Pathfinders (Rm 300) “Choosing to Love and Serve God” – Ron Kennel

Safe Harbor (Rm 411) “Home Sweet Home ”

Seekers (Rm 108) “What I Learned the First Year” – Rebecca Stoltzfus

Sojourners (Rm 307) “An Overview of Reentry Activities at CMC”
– Marie Clements

Weavings (Rm 142) “Sharing Christmas traditions and cookies”

Looking Ahead

Monday, December 10

6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry supervision

7:30 p.m. Discipling Commission

Tuesday, December 11

2:30 p.m. Stephen Leaders

Wednesday, December 12

5 p.m. Prayer Choir

6 p.m. Wednesday night meal and activities

6:30 p.m. Los Embajadores de Cristo Bible study (Rm 143/144)

7 p.m. Adult Choir

Jubilate! Handbell Choir

Sunday, December 16 (Celebration Sunday)

8 a.m. Shalom Ringers

9 a.m. Coffee in the south hallway and west foyer

9:15 a.m. Songs for gathering

9:30 a.m. Worship service

10:30 a.m. Deaf Christian Fellowship Worship

After worship Celebration Sunday Events (Fellowship Hall)

Announcements

Email CMC announcements (max. 100 words) for the weekly bulletin by noon on Tuesday. Send to communications@collegemennonite.org.

Advent and Christmas

Mark your calendars for the following:

- Today:** Pick up your Advent materials if you weren't here on Dec. 2.
- Dec. 16:** Celebrate Nativity Sunday. Worship is our annual all-church, unrehearsed Christmas pageant! Come early to choose your costume and be ready to enter the story. We will not have Sunday school; instead, we will have various ways to experience the Christmas story.
- Dec. 20:** 6:30 p.m. Longest Night Service
- Dec. 23:** No Sunday school – Christmas Tea
- Dec. 24:** 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve service
- Dec. 25:** Noon Christmas Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
- Dec. 30:** No Sunday school – New Year's fellowship (bring finger foods to share)

Christmas Season at CMC

Many people are longing for community and hope, especially during the Christmas season. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join us here at College Mennonite. Fliers with information about services are available in mailboxes and literature racks. Take as many fliers as you need.
—CMC Hospitality Committee

Christmas Day Gathering at CMC

You and your guests are welcome to join other CMC participants for informal fellowship and a shared meal at noon on Christmas Day in the Fellowship Hall. Ham, beverages, and table service will be provided; the rest is potluck. For planning purposes, there will be sign-up sheets today and next Sunday in the south hall. If you have questions, contact Joe Springer at joeas@goshen.edu or 534-5347.

Preparing the Sanctuary for Christmas

At our CMC Family Meals on Wednesdays, we will be creating things to prepare the sanctuary for Christmas. Today, notice the stars and remember the extent of God's creativity. If you would like to create your own star, look for supplies and instructions along the back wall of the sanctuary, opposite the stage.

Offering Envelopes for 2019

Offering envelopes for 2019 are placed in literature boxes today.

Electronic Sign Survey Results Available

See literature racks for a summary of the results of the electronic sign survey. (Results will also likely be added to the CMC website in the coming week.) As noted earlier, based on these results the CMC Board has affirmed moving forward with this project. We will work to finalize details with Amity and the city of Goshen in early 2019.

The Mitten/Hat Tree

The mitten/hat tree will be in the hallway each Sunday until Dec. 9. Donations will be distributed to area students and children at Arbor Ridge.
—Mennonite Women

Wednesday Night at CMC – December 12
Join your church family for a time of fellowship and activities.
5-6 p.m. – Prayer Choir (Rm 100)
6:30 p.m. – Embajadores de Cristo Bible study (Rm 143-144)
6-7 p.m.
CMC Family Meal in the Fellowship Hall Come for food, conversation, and interaction around the table.
7-8 p.m.
Adult Choir Jubilate! Handbell Choir (Rm 307) MYF: Christmas Party Genesis: Christmas Party

Retirement Savings for Year-end Donations

You can use your retirement savings to make year-end donations if you are 70½ or older. If you withdraw money from your account for retirement income (known as a distribution), you can give these dollars tax-free to our church or a charity. For more information, see stewardship advocate Mike Landis or John King.

Congregational Challenge from the Outreach Commission

In support of special needs individuals of the Goshen community, the Outreach Commission has designated \$1,000 from our Matching Grant funds for Kerry's Kids Playground. We invite individuals or groups within the congregation, especially young people or children, to help match or exceed this amount before the Dec. 11 deadline. For details, search Kerry's Kids Playground or enter: www.patronicity.com/project/kerrys_kids_playground.

The Depot Needs Your Help!

The Depot needs volunteers in all departments. If you can help out for one, two, three, or four hours at a time—call the volunteer coordinator, Jodi Miller, at 574-349-4774 or stop in at the Depot and see her.

Longest Night Service

The CMC Longest Night Service will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 20, in our sanctuary. It will be a candlelight service of song, scripture, silence, and prayer. This is an opportunity for people who feel grief, pain, or disappointment to pause in the midst of a busy season to express pain and lament and to look to God for hope. This quiet service will include opportunities to participate in a candle-lighting ritual and anointing. Others who walk with grieving people are also welcome. The service is open to the community.

November 2018 Financial Report		
	2018-19	2017-18
July 2018-June 2019 General Fund Spending Plan	1,063,275	1,031,954
Fiscal year-to-date General Fund contributions	369,393	397,200
Amount still needed	693,882	
Monthly contributions - October		
· General Fund	72,334	81,596
· Sunday School Classes	1,172	1,670
· Special Funds*	38,524	18,991
· Building	979	938
· Kitchen	-	230
· Endowment	-	-
Total monthly contributions	113,009	103,425
*Excludes campaign contributions		
Average worship attendance:	369	367
Fiscal year-to-date General Fund contributions	369,393	
Fiscal year-to-date Special Fund contributions*	197,442	
Total Fiscal year-to-date contributions	566,835	
*Excludes campaign contributions		
Special Funds with Fundraising Goals	Received	Goal
CMC Student Aid – 2017-18 School Year	109,012	100,000
CMC Student Aid – 2018-19 School Year	33,189	124,000
Special Fund Balances		
Encircling	23,631	
International Student Ministry Group*	70,292	
Jubilee	31,613	
*The international student fund is supported by members of CMC, area congregations, international alumni and donors from other states and Canada.		

Spiritual Direction

Group Spiritual Direction is presently being offered to three small groups of people in our congregation. There are openings for more people to join for the 2019 calendar year. We meet for two hours monthly in groups of four or five people to pray, to listen to God and each other, and to share how God is at work in our lives. There are brochures in the literature racks with more information and a registration form. Contact Rachel Nafziger Hartzler with questions.

CMC MDS Puerto Rico Expense Contributions

Contributions are welcome for expenses of the CMC team that served with Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) in Puerto Rico in October. MDS contributed toward travel expense, but a balance of \$2,576.15 of uncovered expense remains. Designate your contributions “For the Puerto Rico MDS team.”

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