



Christmas 2016

Grace Hill Mennonite Church

December 25, 2016

Worship – 9:30am
Sunday School – 10:45am

Jesus is Born! Come, Walk in the Way of God’s Heart.

Prelude

Welcome

Luke 2:1-7

* *“Angels We Have Heard on High”* HWB 197

* *“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”* (vs. 1, 3, & 5) HWB 195

Luke 2:8-20

* *“The First Noel”* (vs. 1, 3, & 5) HWB 199

Announcements & Offering – Western District Conference

* *Doxology*

“Away in a Manger” HWB 194

Matthew 1:18-25

* *“Oh, How Joyfully”* HWB 209

“Mary, Did You Know?” Samantha & Ellen

Sharing, Christmas Greetings & Prayer

* *“O Come, All Ye Faithful”* HWB 212

* Benediction

Leader: Go in peace and joy to love and serve the newborn
and coming again Lord.

All: We are sent in the name of the Christ Child.

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

* *“Joy to the World”* HWB 318

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand.

- At the conclusion of the worship service we invite the adults to be seated and take a few moments to greet one another while the children are dismissed to their Sunday school classes.
- The Adult Sunday School classes will begin 10 minutes after the service is over. Everyone is welcome!

Serving in Worship

Pastor	Weldon Martens
Scripture Readers	Donna Balzer, Merrill Harms, Kaye Penner
Keyboard	Ellen Mosiman
Flute	Samantha Claassen
Song Leader	Bonita Schroeder
Ushers	Josh Patterson & Rob Schunn

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, give thanks for the congregations of WDC as local communities of faith where God's Word becomes flesh.

Mennonite Mission Network: On this Christmas day, pray for Nazareth Village near where Jesus grew up 20 centuries ago. Mennonite Mission Network partners with Nazareth Village in peeling away the layers that distort Jesus' message of peace in a world torn apart by conflict.

Mennonite Church USA: In this season of Christmas, Mennonite Church USA invites you to remember all those around the world working on behalf of the church for peace and justice to make the light and love of Jesus Christ real for all those seeking hope.

Pastor Weldon will be on vacation through December 28. He will not preach on January 1. Doug and Jude Krehbiel will be present to preach on January 1. If there are care needs, please contact a member of the Care Council: Kaye Penner, Rita Patterson, Alma Schmidt or Doug Claassen.

Church Events

Next Sunday, January 1 - Congregational Meeting: We will have a short meeting immediately after Sunday School on Sunday, January 1st for a congregational vote to affirm the members of the Leadership Council for 2017. This is consistent with our new organizational structure process. All members of Grace Hill are encouraged to attend. If you have questions please contact Tim Harms, Leadership Council Chairperson.

January 8 at 6:00 p.m. Hospitality Council is on a roll again and planning a fun evening of BUNCO for all!! More details to come.

January 29 at 12:45 p.m. Grace Hill Annual Business Meeting.

Nursery Next Sunday: Katherine Claassen

Greeters Next Sunday: Allen and Elaine Patterson

Ushers Next Sunday: Terry Klassen and Dean Patterson

Offering Last Sunday: Kidron Bethel Health Care \$771.00

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Church USA

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor's Office Hours:

Tuesday & Thursday - Mornings, Wednesday - Afternoon, Friday - day off

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Et Cetera

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Invitation for stories: *Rooted and Built Up in Christ* (Colossians 2:6-7), will be the WDC theme for 2017, selected by the Executive Board to celebrate WDC's 125th anniversary year. As a way to kick off the year, the first issue of the WDC newsletter *Garden* in 2017 will plant some "seeds" by featuring several short stories from WDC congregations. Does your congregation have a creative idea to share, or have you recently been present for an interesting experience in witness, worship, faith formation or community building in another congregation? If so, please send in a 100-word story or description to the WDC office at wdc@mennowdc.org, by January 18, for consideration for the Feb/Mar issue of *Garden*.

Do you have your summer vacation plans set yet? Why not spend it in Orlando, Florida? You can attend the Mennonite Church USA convention as well as visit your favorite theme park. The convention takes place July 4-8 with the theme "Love is a Verb." Learn more at: <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration/> or find the convention on Facebook or Twitter.

Save the Date! The 2017 WDC Annual Assembly will be held August 4-6 at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Arlington DFW South, in Arlington, TX. Information about Annual Assembly is posted as it becomes available at: <http://mennowdc.org/annual-assembly/#2017annualAssembly>.

Our vision at Grace Hill Mennonite Church is for a revitalized ministry seeking authentic community that honors Christ by:

discerning our gifting;

developing a leadership team;

deepening our core ministries of

care, education and hospitality.