

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

December 29, 2013

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Song Leader: Gladys Reimer

Worship Leader: Pastor Peter

Musicians: Pastor Katherine, Pastor Peter,
Valerie Klaassen, Carine Claassen

O, The Mystery of God's Dwelling
...in Scripture and Song

Inviting the Mystery

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

During this time we spend a few moments introducing our guests. We're glad you have come to worship with us. May you sense God's peace and direction as we meet together with our Creator and Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Call to Worship

Leader One: Behold! I give you good tidings of great joy;
for Christ the Lord is born!

Leader Two: *How beautiful on the mountains
are the feet of those who bring good news.*

Leader One: Break forth together into singing
For the Lord has comforted his people,
God has redeemed Jerusalem.

Leader Two: *The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness –
on them the light has shined.*

Leader One: The prophets' promises are made flesh
before the eyes of all the nations;
all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

All: *Glory to God in the highest!*

And on earth, peace and goodwill to all!

Gathering Prayer

Gathering Carol No. 212 *O come, all ye faithful* vs. 1 & 3

Offering Our Gifts Harvest of Love

Celebrating the Mystery

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 63:7-9

Carol No. 209 *Oh, how joyfully*

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 11:1-9

Carol No. 211 *Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming* vs. 1 & 3

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Carol No. 189 *To us a Child of hope is born* vs. 1 & 2

Children to age 5 may be dismissed to the library for child care

Gospel Reading Luke 1:26-38

Worship Music *Bring a torch Jeanette Isabella* arr. Davis
Valerie Klaassen

Gospel Reading Matthew 1:18-25

Carol No. 210 *Good Christian friends, rejoice* vs. 1 & 3

Gospel Reading Luke 2:1-7

Worship Music *Silent Night* Carine Claassen and Lily Hilgenfeld

Gospel Reading Luke 2:8-20

Carol No. 201 *Hark! The herald angels sing*

Gospel Reading Matthew 2:1-12

Carol (see insert) *Oh, beautiful star of Bethlehem* vs. 1 & 3

Gospel Reading John 1:1-18

Worship Music *What Child is this* arr. Heffler Valerie Klaassen

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Sending Song No. 318 *Joy to the world*

Benediction

Postlude

Since today is the 5th Sunday of the month there will be no Sunday School classes.

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Many WDC congregations have been immersed in a Year of the Bible, and some are just beginning. Pray that God will guide in the planning and doing of Bible studies, preaching, worship, singing and art. May we approach the Scriptures with awe and thanksgiving in the New Year.

Mennonite Mission Network: The Evangelical Mennonite Church of Burkina Faso, a MMN partner, started as a mostly rural denomination, but is now focusing on creating urban congregations, too. Pray for the Mennonite witness as they share Jesus' healing and salvation in cities.

Church Events

Friday 8:00-11:30 p.m. Youth Sock Dodgeball Tournament, Movie Night and Druber's Run from 8-11:30 p.m. at the church building.

Thursday, January 9 at 8:00 a.m. Senior Breakfast at the Breadbasket.

Nursery This Sunday: Marge Harms and Rita Patterson

Nursery Next Sunday: Jackie Moore and Rachelle Claassen

Ushers Next Sunday: Terry Klassen and Dean Patterson

Christmas Eve Offering: Harvey County Health Ministries \$996.95
Community Playschool \$896.95

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Church USA