

Community Mennonite Church

January 2, 2011

An Unexpected Hour

Gathering

PRELUDE AND EXCERPTS FROM W. H. AUDEN'S CHRISTMAS ORATORIO
Sharon Miller and Ted Swartz

BELL AND SILENCE

CANDLE LIGHTING

John, Glenda, Anisa and Karen Leonard

SONGS

Brian Martin Burkholder

On this day

Blue 192

Sing a different song

Purple 27

Arise, your light is come!

Purple 30

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sue Swartz

Leader: Arise, shine! For your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**People: Grace was given to us to bring the news
of the boundless riches of Christ;**

Leader: and to make everyone see the mystery
hidden for ages in God who created all things,

**People: so that, through the church,
the wisdom of God in its rich variety
might be made known to rulers and authorities
in the heavens and the earth.**

PRAYER AND WELCOME

Praising

SONGS

Brightest and best

Purple 29

Jesus, be the center

Purple 31

SCRIPTURE

Ted Swartz

Ephesians 3:1-12

OFFERING OUR FIRSTFRUITS
OFFERTORY

Hearing the Word

CHILDREN'S TIME

Nancy Heisey

SCRIPTURE

Sue Swartz

Matthew 2:1-18

SONG

May the words of my mouth

Blue Hymnal insert

SERMON

Jason Gerlach

G.O.D. on 81

SONG OF RESPONSE

I heard the voice of Jesus say

Blue 493

Responding

BELL AND SILENCE

PRAYING (unison)

Christ, you illumine us, and in your light we see light.

**Make us radiant, a people giving and receiving light
among our neighbors,
whether friend or adversary.**

**Make your people as nourishing as showers
that water the earth.**

**Make us one, that righteousness may flourish,
and that well-being may abound. Amen.**

LORD'S SUPPER

Let us break bread together

Blue 453

Seeds, scattered and sown

Blue 454

You are holy

Purple 34

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jennifer Davis Sensenig

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Sending

BENEDICTION

SONG

Peace before us

Purple 16

Coffee Fellowship

Sunday School at 10:30 AM

Welcome to all guests!

- Restrooms and Nursery Care (ages 3 and under) are off the main hallway (north side of building)
- The Church Newsletter is in one of the kiosk pockets
- "Quiet activity bags" for ages 3 to 5 are available in the back of the sanctuary
- Visitor Information can be in the kiosk in the fellowship hall.
- Please let us know you were here by filling out a blue slip in the Welcome to Worship brochure and placing it in the offering plate.

TODAY, Jan 2

Worship at 9:00 AM
Announcements: Jennifer Davis Sensenig
Nursery: David & Marry Ann Kreider
Sound: Jim Miller
Greeters: David Graybill & Brenda Martin
Head Usher: Harold Shenk
Sunday School at 10:30 AM

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~Our Mission~

We the people of Community Mennonite Church offer our gifts and lives to the call of Jesus Christ.

We strive actively to follow the God of peace through our worship, fellowship, and service to both the local community and the wider world.

CMC ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Mon Church office closed
Tue 7:00 PM Council/Pastoral Search Team, Rm 109
Next Sun 9:00 AM Worship – Covenant Renewal Sunday
Speaker: Member Testimonies
Worship Leader: Pastoral Team
Nursery: Erika Stoddard & Lynette Nussbaum
Sound: Ray Horst
Greeters: Carissa Sweigart & Millard Osborne
Head Usher: Brandon Roth
Sunday School at 10:30 AM

IN OUR BUILDING THIS WEEK

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Jan 9 Covenant Renewal Sunday
Apr 4-10-11 HARTS at CMC

CELEBRATE GOD'S REVELATION IN FLESH

From Advent to Epiphany we have been blessed as a congregation with a rich worship life including times of silence. "Silence reminds me to take my soul with me wherever I go." Now during the Christmas season as we celebrate God with us as Emmanuel the silence of waiting, gives way to the silence of awe. While we continue to have some intentional silence during worship on Dec 26 and Jan 2, we also give priority to the joyful sounds of Christmas music. We especially thank our worship planners, leaders, musicians, and technicians who have given their gifts so generously during this season and all through the year.

In addition to the joy of God's gift of Christ, for some of us this season also brings grief. The good news is not only that the Light of the world has come, but specifically that the Light of Christ shines in the darkness—our own shadows and the shadows of the world. Let's remember our church family scattered in many places visiting family and friends this season and pray that in whatever circumstances we find ourselves this year, that as members of Christ's body we will be good news to those around us, bearing the Light with grace.

May the Light of Christ renew your spirit. Merry Christmas!

PASTORAL TEAM

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Jennifer Davis Sensenig, Lead Pastor
cmc_jennifer@ntelos.net Mon-Thur 9-4, off Fri
Jason Gerlach, Pastor of Youth Ministry
youthpastor@ntelos.net Mon, Wed, Thur 9-noon
Nicholas Detweiler-Stoddard, Intern
stoddard.nicholas@gmail.com Wed 1-5

Tina Beachy, Pastoral Elder
Lonnie Yoder, Pastoral Elder

CHURCH COUNCIL

Andrea Wenger, Council Chair
David Detrow, Vice-Chair
Terry Burkhalter, Administrative Chair
Brian Martin Burkholder, Community Life Chair
Jennifer Murch, Youth Chair
Heidi Winters Vogel, Outreach Chair
Hedy Reese, Worship Chair

CHURCH OFFICE

Sandy McCafferty, Office Coordinator
office hrs: Mon-Fri, 9-4:30

Attendance last Sunday: not recorded

Offering: \$5,687

YTD Budget Comparison: +\$571