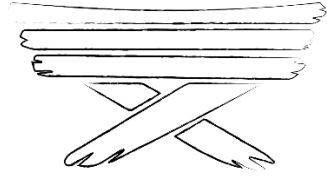


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Forest Hills Mennonite Church
December 11, 2022 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

G A T H E R I N G

Prelude

Gathering Song: *Oh, How Shall I Receive Thee*

Worship Book No. 182

Cheryl and Daryl Eshleman-Worship Team

Call to Worship and Invocation

Craig Harnish

Passing the Peace

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Dana and Kieren Shannon

Special Music: *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

Handbell Quartet

C O N N E C T I N G

Song: *Here I Am to Worship*

Grace Notes No. 54

Offering Prayer

Offertory: *Poor of the Earth*

Children's Time

Janette Lile

Song: *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

Worship Book No. 178

R E F L E C T I N G

Scripture: John 11:29-37; Isaiah 53:2-3; Luke 19:41-44; Isaiah 53:4-6

Craig and Isaac Harnish

Sermon: *A Broken Human*

Jon Carlson

Response Song: *Welcome to Our World*

Cheryl and Daryl Eshleman

S E N D I N G

Congregational Prayer

Benediction

Closing Song: *To Us a Child of Hope is Born*

Worship Book No. 189

Postlude



CARES & CONCERNS >>>

As the cares and concerns of our congregation come to mind,
please lift them to the Lord in prayer:

- ❖ Torrin and Brittany Clapper celebrating their pregnancy.
- ❖ Dan, Kit, and Caleb Baker celebrating the birth of their son/brother on Wednesday.
- ❖ Those mourning the loss of loved ones and deeply missing their presence during the holidays.
- ❖ Mary Schroeder receiving additional care due to a recent fall.
- ❖ Those experiencing on-going health concerns and for their care providers.
- ❖ Our preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus throughout this Advent season.

Torrin and Brittany Clapper are expecting the arrival of their first child in May 2023.

Congratulations to Dan and Kit Baker on the birth of their son, Benjamin Daniel on Wednesday, December 7. He joins his older brother, Caleb.

ANNOUNCEMENTS >>>

Welcome Guests! We're glad you are with us today. We hope that you will encounter God's presence as you worship with us and will find yourself renewed and challenged in your journey with God. Hearing assistance devices are available in the ushers' room near the sanctuary entrance. Let us know you're here by scanning the QR code and filling out the online visitor form:



This Sunday, December 11, and next Sunday, December 18, we will be taking pictures for our new church photo directory. Our photographer will be taking family and individual pictures in the library from 9 a.m. – 10:20 a.m. and again after worship until 12:30 p.m. No sign up is needed. If you cannot make either of these dates, you can email the office a recent picture to be included in our upcoming picture directory.

This Advent season we have a Remembrance Tree in the foyer to honor our loved ones who have passed away. Throughout this Advent season you are invited to bring an ornament from home or take an ornament by the tree and personalize it and then hang it on the tree.

Our Christmas Eve service, celebrating the scriptures and songs of the season, will be held here on Saturday, December 24, at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend and bring guests. An offering will be received for Mennonite Central Committee's food provision projects in Lebanon, Syria, and South Sudan. Please make checks payable to Forest Hills Mennonite Church.

Ruth Hooper has changed her phone number; to contact her please use 717-354-1657.

Households attending the Christmas Eve Service are asked to bring a small plate of cookies to share for the fellowship time that will follow the service. If possible, please bring your cookies to the church by Thursday, December 22, and label them for Christmas Eve.

Thank you for your generosity! For our Christmas Giving Project we received 91 gift cards, 10 rolls of wrapping paper, 20 rolls of tape, and over 300 gift tags!

On Sunday, December 25, there will be no Sunday school. We will have our 10:30 a.m. worship service only. There will not be a staffed nursery or Kids' Church. On Sunday, January 1, there will be no in-person service, but we will stream a worship service online.

Save the date for Saturday March 11, 2023, in the late afternoon and evening for *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?* This is a fun way to meet new people and spend time with those you already know! More details will follow in the new year.

Plans are underway to refresh our sanctuary including recovering the pew cushions, installing new carpet, painting, and expanding our sound booth. Church council and the property committee have approved this project, with an estimated cost of around \$110,000. Some of our Future Capital Project Fund will go toward this project, and Council is hoping to raise \$30,000 to kickstart the renovations. As you consider year-end donations remember this project. If you would like to donate towards it, please mark "sanctuary update" on your check. We also hope to collect sufficient year end contributions to reach our budget goals for the first four months of our church year. We are currently 10% behind. Please consider how you can share generously with our church as we come to year end!

Forest Hills received a letter of thanks from Mennonite Church USA for our recent donation of \$7,883, to be distributed among its various agencies.

LOOKING AHEAD:

- ❖ December 24: 7 p.m., Christmas Eve Service.
- ❖ December 25: Worship service at normal 10:30 start time. No Sunday School, kids' church, or staffed nursery.
- ❖ January 1: No in-person Sunday school or worship service; online only.
- ❖ January 18, 25, February 1, 8: Winter Bible School.

UPCOMING MYF EVENTS:

- ❖ December 18: Christmas party.
- ❖ January 6-7: Lock-in.

H O S P I T A L I T Y H E L P E R S

- ❖ Head Usher: Lee Charles
- ❖ Audio Visual Technicians: Jim Shannon, Scott Hertzog, Dana Shannon, Collette Carlson, Micah Carlson
- ❖ Greeter: Herb Hoover
- ❖ Befrienders: Ruth Ann Martin, Becky Siegrist
- ❖ Coffee Fellowship: Bonnie & Denny Sharp

T O D A Y

- ❖ 9 a.m. – Pictures begin in the library for church photo directory.
- ❖ 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages.
- ❖ 10:30 a.m. – Worship in-person or online. The service can be streamed on YouTube: [fhmc.church/youtube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfHmC) or Facebook: www.facebook.com/foresthillsmennonite.
- ❖ 6:30 p.m. - MYF (Youth Group, Gr. 9-12) Ice skating.

T H I S W E E K

- ❖ Monday, 11:30 a.m. – Retiree luncheon at Forest Hills.
- ❖ Thursday, 5:30 p.m. – Agape class party at Kling House.
- ❖ Saturday, 8:30 a.m. – Adelphian class breakfast at New Holland Family Restaurant.

N E X T S U N D A Y

- ❖ Photos taken for church picture directory, see announcement for times.
- ❖ 4th Sunday of Advent: Pastor Jon will preach: *A Generous Human*.
- ❖ MYF – Christmas Party.

WEEKLY REPORT

12/04 Offering: General Fund \$12,961; Refugee Education \$600;
Sanctuary Update \$200

YTD Income \$165,946; YTD Budget \$183,966 (- 10%)

Attendance : 185

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Nina Harnish - Minister of Care and Visitation ~ Lauren Krady - Administrator

Becky Bathurst - Youth and Young Adult Director ~ Lesley Wenger - Custodian

Kay Hurst, Allon Lefever, Keith Stuckey - Elders

Louetta Hurst, Matthew Degan, Ruth Ann Martin, Clair and Doris Sauder

Warren and Linda Tyson, Kathy Unangst - Care Team