

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Delicia Bravo Aguilar and Peter Wigginton, of Mennonite Mission Network, request prayer for the churches in Ecuador that have suffered the loss of many leaders and members, due to COVID-19. While they continue to lament their losses, pray for their strength and resilience, as new leaders come forward to continue the reconciling mission of Christ.

Western District Conference Prayer Request: Pray for the WDC Church Planting Commissions as they envision new initiatives and partnerships for church planting in the coming year.

To request prayer or a visit, or if a family member is hospitalized, please contact the church office or a pastor so that visits and prayer support can be offered. Names of people receiving medical care are printed in the BCMC bulletin only by permission of the patient or a guardian/family-member. This is part of the caring network at BCMC, which includes support among members of Sunday school classes and small groups, as well as the Prayer Network and Caring Fund sponsored by the Deacon Commission.

Bethel College Mennonite Church welcomes into fellowship and membership all persons who confess faith in Jesus Christ, without regard to their race, ethnic background, gender, age, sexual orientation, education, ability, and other factors which give rise to discrimination and marginalization.

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Church office hours: 9 am–12:00 pm Mon–Fri; 1:00 –5 pm Mon–Thur

Church office is closed Friday afternoons

Building is locked weekdays at 5 pm unless evening activities are scheduled

Saturdays—building is locked; Sundays—building is locked at 2 pm

Notary public service is available in the church office

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Bethel College Mennonite Church

December 5, 2021

2nd Sunday of Advent



Our faith in a God of love leads us, by the power of the Spirit, to follow Jesus in doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with God.

ADVENT SUNDAY 2
Dare to imagine God's Peace and Embrace

Prelude

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People (arr. Robert J. Powell)
Cold December Flies Away (Busarow) Verlene Garber, organ

Ding, Dong, Merrily on High DeWitt
Chancel Bells, Verlene Garber, director

*Hymn *O Come, O Come, Immanuel* VT 210
Verses 1, 4, 6, 7

Gathering

Land Acknowledgement Ada Schmidt-Tieszen

Welcome and Call to Worship

Introit *Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord* Matthew Schloneger

Advent Candle Lighting Adah Hodge

Leader: We light a candle of peace.

And we imagine:

People: God's tender mercy, God's compassion.

Leader: We light the candle of peace and know God's embrace of peace.

*Hymn *Hope is a Candle* (verses 1,2) VT 211

Confession and Assurance

*Hymn *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* VT 218

Hearing God's Word

Children's Conversation Carol Flickinger

Scripture Luke 3:1-6 ; Philippians 1:3-11

Special Music *Comfort Ye (The Messiah)*—Handel Matthew Schloneger

Sermon *Embraced as a Child* Nathan Koontz

Responding

*Hymn of Response *Come and Fill Our Hearts* VT 52

Prayers of God's People

*Sending Song *For the Healing of the Nations* VT 705

Benediction

Postlude

VT = *Voices Together*

Audio-visual: Francis Toews

Thank you to the Worship Decoration Committee: Judy Friesen, Kathy Stucky, Susie Swartley, and Brenda Turner.

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The church nursery is staffed during worship and Sunday School

Children and youth Sunday School classes! 10:30-11:30 am

Preschoolers - Room B4 Middlers (3rd-8th graders) - Room 26

High School - Room 24 Koinonia (college students welcome!) - The Agape House

The Agape Class will meet in Room B8

Adult Classes (If meeting): Bible Study (Rm 14); Catacombs (Rm B5);

Fellowship (B7); Fine Arts (Rm 22); Issues and Christianity (Rm 23); Mosaic (Rm

20); Open Circle (Chapel); Seekers (Rm 28); Sojourners (Chapel)

Land Acknowledgement compiled by Florence Schloneger from words by Mark Charles and VT #878

As we do on the first Sunday of each month,

we acknowledge that we worship

on the land of the Kanza, Osage, and Wichita.

We thank them for their care and respect for this land

and acknowledge the injustice of their forced removal.

We ask the Spirit to heal our histories

and find new paths of right relationships with them

and all of creation.

This week at BCMC

Monday, December 6

8—10 am Bethel College Classes in the Sanctuary

2—3 pm Bethel College Class in the Sanctuary

Tuesday, December 7

9—11 am Community Playschool

4 pm Reopening Church Task Force—Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, December 8

8—10 am Bethel College Classes in the Sanctuary

2—3 pm Bethel College Class in the Sanctuary

6:45 pm Menno Singers—Fellowship Hall

7 pm Youth Group

7:30 pm Chancel Choir—Sanctuary

Thursday, December 9

7 pm Finance Committee Meeting by Zoom

Sunday, December 12—Third Sunday of Advent

9:30 am Worship Service in the Sanctuary

10:30 am Faith Formation