



Roanoke Mennonite Church

Seeking and extending God's healing, hope, and reconciliation

ADVENT 3-THE LORD IS OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS

DECEMBER 16, 2018

Focus Thoughts: *On this third Sunday of Advent, we rejoice and join with the voice who calls out from the wilderness, converting us to the way of God's justice. Out of this rejoicing comes the call to make changes in the way we live so that this justice may be shared with others.*

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Gathering Song *Joy to the World* H 318

Call to Worship

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for God-with-us is coming to set things right!

The proud will be scattered and the humble lifted up.

The hungry will be filled and the prisoners set free.

He will guide us in the way of peace and proclaim salvation.

***All:* Let us rejoice, for our God comes to bring wholeness and new life to the world.**

Lighting of the Advent Candle

WE PRAISE THE RISEN CHRIST

Worship with Song *I will come to you in the silence* SS 49

Joyful, Joyful we adore thee H 71

How can we be silent v. 2 & 4 SJ 61

Sharing of Tithes and Offerings

Doxology

Children's Moment

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

Scripture Zephaniah 3:14-20, Isaiah 12:2-6, Luke 3:7-18

Message Rejoicing In God's Justice

WE RECEIVE GOD'S GRACE

Song of Response *Lead me, Lord* H 538

Confession and Assurance

Sharing and Prayer *Please respond when prompted by the Worship Leader "Lord, hear our prayer."*

WE GO OUT IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Sending Words

Sending Song *O come, all ye faithful* H 212

Go in peace!

Serving this week:

Worship Leader-*Jason Reel-Haas*

Chorister- *Ali Fuller*

Musicians- *Jolene Miller, piano; Marge Ulrich, Zandra Miller, flute*

Message- *Pastor Bryan Miller*

Children's Church *Abby Reel*

Scripture Reader-*Chuck Engstrom*

Video-*Dustin Wyse-Fisher*; Audio - *Jim Thompson*

Nursery Care-*Lynn Kennell*

Bulletin Art-*Carolyn Reel*

Prayer:

- *April and family with baby arrival this past Friday
- *Chris's friend, Connie, needs our prayers
- *Bryan and family in the passing of his grandmother, Mary Miller (Burkholder)
- *Abby and all involved in the Barn III build
- *Jordan & Rachel - obtaining needed documents for baby Charlotte to travel back to US in February
- *Bob Yoder's delayed release
- *Family of Esther Ulrich, in her passing
- *Rebecca Rhodes, as she recovers from a house fire on Sunday (no injuries) and works with insurance company

Praise:

- *Visits of friends

Congregations to pray for this week:

- ❖ Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church, El Paso
- ❖ Good Shepherd Community Church, El Paso
- ❖ El Paso United Methodist Church

REMINDERS FOR THIS WEEK

- Mon., Dec 17** Women's Book Discussion, 9 a.m.
Pastoral Team Meeting, 1:30 p.m.
- Sun., Dec 23** Nursery-*Abby Reel*

Our Purpose - *Roanoke Mennonite Church is committed to following Jesus Christ in our daily living. As a member of the Mennonite Church USA, we support each other in worship, nurture each other through fellowship, and share God's love and peace in our communities and beyond.*

Our Vision- *Roanoke Mennonite Church strives daily to be a vital congregation by:*

- *Encountering God in fresh ways; being transformed by the mystery of God's presence*
- *Nurturing healthy relationships; using spiritual gifts and common fellowship to build up the body of Jesus Christ*
- *Joyously sharing ourselves and our resources so God's healing and hope flow through us to our community and world*

Report for December 9, 2018

Budget	\$ 1,603.27
Online Giving	\$ 1,190.00
Total	\$ 2,793.27

Stewardship Attendance -65

