



Roanoke Mennonite Church

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

ADVENT 4-THE LORD IS OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS

DECEMBER 23, 2018

Focus Thoughts: *On this final Sunday of Advent, we delight with Mary in the blessing bestowed on all God's people through the gift of Christ. In preparation for Christmas Day we humble ourselves before God's greatness--our Messiah who comes to restore the world. We rejoice that Jesus came into the world to be our light, our peace, and our example.*

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Gathering Song *My Soul is filled with joy* SJ 13

Call to Worship

Mary is with child! God's long-awaited promise is being fulfilled!

Rejoice in his name! Emmanuel, God be with us!

The little baby in his mother's womb, he will be the Savior of this hurting world.

Bringing us new life, filled with joy and peace, calling us to faith and action.

All: Praise be to God. Alleluia! Amen!

Lighting of the Advent Candle

WE PRAISE THE RISEN CHRIST

Worship with Song *No wind at the window* SS 11
Gloria H 204
Niño Lindo (Child so lovely) H 207

Sharing of Tithes and Offerings

Doxology

Children's Moment

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

Scripture Micah 5:2-5a, Psalm 80:1-7, & Luke 1:39-45

Message Blessing and Restoration

WE RECEIVE GOD'S GRACE

Song of Response *Love came down at Christmas* H 208

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 *Oh, beautiful star of Bethlehem* SS 32

Go in peace!

Serving this week:

Worship Leader-*Tom Kennell*

Chorister-*Lynn Kennell*

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

Message-*Pastor Bryan Miller*

Children's Church-*Abby Reel*

Scripture Reader-*Jason Reel-Haas*

Video-*Ali Fuller*; Audio - *Jim Thompson*

Nursery Care-*Abby Reel*

Bulletin Art-*Carolyn Reel*

Praise:

- *Safe birth of baby Vivileine Virgenia Stewart
- *Support from RMC in passing of Bryan's grandmother
- *Tino & Rosa's 39-year anniversary
- *Peacemakers at RMC

Prayer:

- *Jason's parents - buying & selling home
- *Barn 3 project and bumps in the road
- *Dan's friend who lost his wife
- *Gary & Liz - loss of his brother, and traveling home from TX
- *Rebecca's ongoing recovery after house fire

Congregations to pray for this week:

- ❖ El Paso Church of the Nazarene
- ❖ Harvest Fellowship (Chapel) Assembly of God, El Paso
- ❖ Saint John's Lutheran Church, El Paso

REMINDERS FOR THIS WEEK

- Mon., Dec 24** Women's Book Discussion, 9 a.m.
Christmas Eve Service, 6:30 p.m.
- Sun., Dec 30** Nursery-Helper needed
Discipling Commission meeting, 7:00 p.m.

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 16, 2018

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| Budget | \$ 1,124.00 |
| Online Giving | \$ 410.00 |
| Head Start Rental | <u>\$ 3,960.00</u> |
| Total | \$ 5,494.00 |

Stewardship Attendance -57

