

After worship in the Community Center

- ◆ Join us for refreshments and help support our youth
- ◆ Purchase grocery cards to help support the FMC Ministry Plan
- ◆ Enjoy the Christmas Bazaar!

Sunday School 10:45-11:45 am

Children & Youth ages 2-18: classes in the lower level

Joseph’s Storehouse giving: This holiday season, give to Joseph’s Storehouse, which helps fund the FMC Direct Assistance Program. This program provides direct assistance to people on the Westside needing emergency rent and utility help. In 2019, FMC provided rent help to over 160 households, allowing hundreds of people to stay in their homes.

So far we have raised \$12,015 towards our goal of \$30,000 for 2020. To help us reach our goal, make checks payable to FMC with “Joseph’s Storehouse” in the memo line. You can place checks in the offering plate, in the foyer lockbox by the office door, or mail to FMC.



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Care Line Phone: 720-345-7722 (call or text): The care line will connect you with a member of the Congregational Care Team. Reach out to request prayer, a visit, or other support. All care is kept confidential. Questions? Contact Marylou Shelly, Claudia Aguilar, or Glenn Balzer.

For announcements, see the **FMC Weekly** online or at the welcome center.

Welcome to

First Mennonite Church

Denver, CO



December 8, 2019

**Second Sunday of Advent
Gifts from Jesus**

*That you may know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,
so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.*

Pre-Service Christmas Hymn Sing 9:20 am

<i>Hail to the Lord's Anointed</i>	Blue Hymnal 185
<i>To Us a Child of Hope is Born</i>	Blue Hymnal 189
<i>Away in a Manger</i>	Blue Hymnal 194
<i>Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming</i>	Blue Hymnal 211

Entering Worship 9:30 am

The nursery in B2 downstairs is open but not staffed.

Welcome & Announcements

Advent Reading & Candle Lighting- Peace

All: Today, we light the candle of peace.

Leader: Today, we remember that in these times of violence,

All: Peace is an act of rebellion

Leader: May we become peace for this wounded world. AMEN.

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus Blue Hymnal 178

Introductions & Passing of the Peace

Offertory *Still, Still, Still* (Arr. Chip Davis)

Pastoral Prayer

Hope is a Candle Purple Book 15

Christmas Program

The children will be performing a short play about the gifts that Jesus gives us. A mother and her son are getting ready for Christmas and setting up the nativity set. The son is getting excited to open presents when the nativity comes alive and the boy learns about the lessons that Jesus has taught us.

We are encouraged to remember these lessons throughout the year:

- *Everyone is welcome*
- *Treat others with love and fairness, the way you want to be treated*
- *Show your love for Jesus by serving others*
- *Love one another*
- *Even when you do something wrong, you can be forgiven*
- *Jesus loves you!*

Please join these hymns during the program:

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing Blue Hymnal 201

Join the children in singing verse 1 a second time.

O Come, All Ye Faithful Blue Hymnal 212

Join in singing verse 3 immediately after the children sing verse 1.

Benediction

Cast of Children's Program

Mother: Ella Barnes

Child: Gabe Baron

Narrators: Matias Fiz and Elias Wentorf-Lantz

Speaking Angels: Sabra Wood, Elsa Burkholder, Annika Stutzman, Grace Hosman, Lydia Kandelind

Gift Revealers: Micah Hofer, Leo Bontrager, Julian McMurry, Cash McMurry, Eloise Wentorf-Lantz

Choir: Nico Monzon, Alejandro Monzon, Hilina Meeks, Maia Bontrager

Pre-K and 2-year-old singers: Benjamin Hegedus, Reuben Gingerich, Iris Gingerich, Walker Wood, Gina Kandelind, Lilly Penner-Smith, Eilan Wentorf-Lantz, Esme Wentorf-Lantz

Special thanks to:

Music: Andi Gingerich and Dana Williams

Decorating & Set Design: Shelva Leep and Kris Friesen

Director & Script: Rachel Barnes

General Child Wrangling: Sari Bontrager, Jennifer Conder, Nikki Kandelind

Decorating: Matt Baron

Leadership for this Service

Worship Leaders & Pastoral Prayer: Claudia Aguilar and Glenn Balzer

Song Leader & Offertory Music: Charlie Ferguson

Usher Coordinator: Brad Shelly

Safety Usher: Ben Gerig

Audiovisual: Jorge Fiz

Flowers: Lola Hershberger