

**Jesus Coming of Age
First Mennonite Church
January 13, 2019**

Announcements Steve Harnish

Prelude Jackie Wyse Rhodes

Welcome and Invocation

*Hymn "God of our strength" HWB 36

*Responsive Reading Malachi 3:1-4 (IB)

L: Pay attention! I am sending my messenger to prepare the way for me; the One you seek will suddenly come to the temple, the messenger of the covenant whom you long for will come, says Yhwh.

C: but who can endure the day of that coming? Who can stand firm when that One appears?

L: That day will be like a smelter's fire, a launderer's soap. The One will preside as refiner and purifier, purifying the children of Levi, refining them like gold and silver—

C: then they will once again make offerings to Yhwh in righteousness.

ALL: Then the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to Yhwh as they were in former days, in years long past.

Conversation with friends Shannon Thiebeau

"Let the children come to me" STS 47

Vs. 1 for coming forward, vs. 2 for returning

Scripture I Kings 3:1-28
Michael Short and Brittany Howe

Community prayer Theda Good

Scripture Luke 2:39-3:14, 21-22
Kathy Dickson and Alex Sider

Special Music "Kyrie" John Leavitt
Chancel Choir

Sermon "Growing in Wisdom" Wanda Stopher

*Hymn "Lost Boy Found" STS 37

Presenting our tithes and offerings

Offertory

*Hymn of Dedication "What gift can we bring" HWB 385
(v. 1)

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn "Christ be near at either hand" STJ 80

*Benediction

Postlude

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

HWB – Hymnal: A Worship Book; STJ – Sing the Journey; STS – Sing the Story

Please ask an usher for assistance in locating large print hymnals.

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Church Staff

- Pastor Wanda Stopher -- Monday-Thursday, 9-4, off Friday; 419-551-1079 (cell); fmc.wanda@bluffton.edu
- Pastor Theda Good -- Tuesday-Friday, 9-4, off Monday; 419-549-2417 (cell); fmc.theda@bluffton.edu
- Interim Children and Youth Ministry Director – Carrie Mast, M-F, 8-10 a.m., mastc@bluffton.edu
- Director of Music – Mark Suderman, 419-230-5368 (cell); sudermanme@bluffton.edu
- Administrative Assistant – Mary Pannabecker Steiner, M-F, 9-4, fmc@bluffton.edu
- Custodian – Mick Hardy, 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., weekends as needed

Host: Gene and Dottie Long **Greeter:** Sophia Gott, Ellie Nickel

Sound: Chris Moser **Chancel:** Anita Lehman

Nursery today: Shelby Cluts, Elaine Suderman

Worship: John & Julie Mackey

Nursery next week: Greg and Laura Hartzler

Worship: Jason Diller, Melissa Friesen, Grace Paquin

Our stewardship:

Worship attendance last Sunday	FMC-176, MC-7
Volunteer hours	N/A
Spending plan giving Jan. 6, 2019 (includes e-giving)	\$14,876.00
Special fund giving Jan. 6, 2019 (includes e-giving): Freudige-\$50	
Sojourners-\$34; Faith/Life-\$61; Community-\$10; Faithful Liv-\$7.61	
SHYF-\$770; SHYF coffee-\$30; Deacons Bene-\$100; Habitat-\$20;	
MCC-\$50; ISF-\$80; Syrian student-\$2,250	\$3,468.61
Total giving Jan. 6, 2019 (includes e-giving)	\$18,344.61
Total spending plan receipts as of November 30, 2018	\$324,996.31
Spending plan expenses as of November 30, 2018	\$359,425.17
2018 spending plan	\$427,441.00

First Mennonite Church is affiliated with the Central District Conference of Mennonite Church USA. The Mennonites are named after Menno Simons, one of our early church leaders, and are rooted historically in the "Anabaptist" movement, which began in 1525, with origins in Switzerland, Germany, and the Netherlands now reaching around the world. Some primary Anabaptist convictions then and now are following Jesus Christ in service to others, rejection of violence and war, and joyful community life.

