Stephens City Mennonite Church

Invites You to Celebrate the Lord's Presence

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9:30 am Sunday School Worship 10:30 am

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In dramatic contrast to the fears named in Advent 1, here the whole cosmos is integrated in an enormous liturgy of worship: the heavens and the angels, the sun, moon, and stars, all that dwell in the sea, and the mountains, and the air, all people, men and women, young and old, "Praise The Lord!"

Gathering Songs: HWB 212 O Come all Ye Faithful
HWB 204 Gloria
Prelude
Welcome
Call to Worship
Opening Prayer
Worship in Song HWB 201 Hark, the Herald Angels Sing
HWB 199 The First Noel
NCH 532 While Shepherds Watched
NCH 544 God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
NCH 543 Good Christian Men
Candle lighting
Offering
Children's time
(children ages 2-5 are dismissed)

Hearing the Word
Keynote text: Colossians 3:12-17
Text of Hope: Prayer of Praise from Psalm 148
Sermon: Let All Creation Praise God!

Song of Response HWB 48 All Creatures of Our God and King
Prayers of the People
Announcements
Song of Sending HWB 206 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
Benediction

Worship Leader Sermon: Jim Musser
Song Leader: Pat Spory Pianist: Beth Whitney
Greeter: Denny Myers Usher: Ben Rosenberger
Children's Church: Joanne Thompson/ Nicole Next Week: Audrey/Anna

Meetings and Opportunities for Service

January
9—men's breakfast at 7 am
9—coffeehouse, theater improv games 7-10 pm
10 - Ekklesia Sunday
10—brief congregational meeting re WATTS following worship service
17 – Communion
23-24 - Annual missions festival
28--youth serving at soup kitchen 5:30 pm
31 - Our Overseer Mike Shenk will preach

February
7—Souper Bowl lunch

Jared Heisey would welcome notes from our congregation. Please write him at: 141 Fort Collier Road, Winchester, VA, 22603. So that he may have your return address to respond to you, please write it rather than using a label.

Joanne Thompson will be beginning a puppet ministry here at SCMC.If you have a puppet or two you can donate to this ministry please see Joanne.

Mennonite Mission Network and Virginia Mennonite Missions workers Steve & Betsy Dintaman are preparing for a new semester at Lithuania Christian College where they relate closely with students from various countries. Ask God to give them wisdom and patience for each interaction.

The Service and Witness Commission with the approval of Church Council is holding a special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, Jan 10 immediately following worship. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the WATTS project that we are participating in to help shelter the homeless this winter. Specifically, we have been asked if we are willing to host a homeless family at our church if the need should arise for the week we have committed to help with this project. That week is from Monday, Feb. 1 to Monday, Feb. 8. It would involve the family being at the church from 6:30 in the evening until 7:30 the next morning. We would provide dinner and breakfast and have someone there with them the entire time.

Dec. 13th: Offering: Worship service: $1451.15 YTD budget: +464.98
Sunday School: $4.10
Attendance: Worship service: 55
Sunday School: 34
Building fund: $4780.50