10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE - Third Sunday of Advent

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
Invitation to worship
Leader: Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad,
for God-with-us is coming to set things right!
People: The proud will be scattered and the humble lifted up.
Leader: The hungry will be filled and the prisoners set free.
People: God will guide us in the way of peace and proclaim salvation.
All: Let*'s rejoice, for our God comes to bring wholeness and new life to the world.*
Congregational Singing
"O come, O come, Immanuel" (v.1-4) HWB#172
"Emmanuel" on screen
Lighting of the Advent Candle of Joy
Congregational Singing
"Angels we have heard on high" HWB#197
Children's Time
Dismissal for Junior Church
Congregational Singing
"Peace before us" on screen
Scripture Reading: Luke 2:8-14
Sermon: "Surprised by Joy!"
Hymn of Response
"Joy to the world" HWB#318
Offering
Time of Sharing, Testimony and Silence
Pastoral Prayer
Sending Song
"Arise, your light is come!" STS#30
Farewell blessing
Postlude

Preacher: Jim Loepp Thiessen
Worship Leader: Ingrid Loepp Thiessen
Musicians: Barb Draper, Casey Horn, Ingrid Loepp Thiessen, Julia Russell
Church Greeters Today: Derrick & Delphine Burkhart
Church Greeters Next Week: Brent & Rita Bauman
Coffee Hosts: Karen & Dan Bender

Children of all ages are invited to Jr. Church. We ask that parents/guardians accompany very young children as needed.

An unstaffed nursery is available during the worship service.

Our morning worship services are being videotaped and put on our website. If for any reason you would not like a portion of the service to be included, please contact the AV person.

A warm welcome to our visitors this morning.
We hope our time of worship together has been an encouragement to you.
You are invited to drop by our Welcome Table and learn more about our church and our ministries. God bless you and we hope to see you again!

Adult Christian Education options
this morning from 11:15-12:00
- **Sermon discussion Rm 9**
- **Uniform Series Rm 11**
- **Seniors Uniform Series Brd Rm**
- **Drawing Class Rm 12**

THIS WEEK AT FMC

Tuesday – January calendar items due to the office.
Tuesday – 7:00 – Choir practice

Advent and Christmas Services at Floradale

Sunday, December 23 at 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship at Floradale will be special Christmas worship, including our Floradale Christmas Choir.

Christmas Eve at 7:00 p.m. – Join us for Christmas Eve Service.

YAF CIRCLE

Saturday, January 12th, 2018 – 6:00 - Young Adults Christmas/New Year's Banquet Semi-formal if you want to dress up or if not, that's okay too!! The catering committee will cater the meal at the church. There will be no charge for the evening. Feel free to invite others to join us. If you (and any guests) plan on attending, please let Ashley Albrecht know by **Friday, January 4th** via email ashleylalbrecht@outlook.com or text/call 519-568-1282.

LOOKING AHEAD AT FMC

Dec. 30 – Darrell Jantzi preaching
Jan. 8 – 9:00 - Ladies Quilting and Knotting
Jan. 13 – Kim Rempel preaching
Jan. 13 – 12:00 – Potato Bar Lunch and games
Jan. 15 – 8:30 - Ladies breakfast at Crossroads
Jan. 25 - 8:00-Men's breakfast at Crossroads. Speaker: Jim Head, MCC

ADDITIONAL FMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

MCC Relief Kits - Supplies for relief kits to be collected until Jan. 6. Please place items under the tree in the foyer. For items needed, refer to Nov. 25th bulletin insert or see https://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/kits/relief

This Christmas, choose gifts that change lives through MCC's Christmas Giving catalogue. There are some catalogues on the table in the foyer and you can check it out on line at mcccanada.ca/christmas.

Has your address, phone number or email address changed? Or are you not in the directory and you would like to be added? It is time to update the telephone directory. Please look over your entry in the directory and email any changes to office@floramc.org or call the church office. Also, if you have a young adult in your family who no longer wishes to be included in the directory, please let us know.

Do you have a young adult in your family who has a church mailbox, but no longer attends here? Please check with your family members and let the church office know of any unneeded mailboxes.

Are you missing the weekly Worship Service Information email? It is now being sent out via the Floradalian mailing list. If you wish to be added to this list, send your request to office@floramc.org .

Call for Volunteers - Work crews needed - Hochma - Montreal, QC
Hochma church in Montreal had to do major renovations to their basement. Now that the contractor has finished correcting the foundation and flooring, Hochma needs help from some skilled volunteers to drywall, partition the basement, paint, etc. Please consider helping out a sister congregation? Contact Michel Monette, pastor at Hochma, at michel.monette@hochma.org or 514.653.0877.

Financial Report

Total received as of December 9th is $319,987.15.
Offerings required to meet budget is $40,352.85.
Three offerings left in 2018.

See announcement sheet for other announcements.

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