

Durham Mennonite Church

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A Congregation of the Virginia Mennonite Conference & Mennonite Church USA

December 10, 2017

Second Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Worship Leader, Eliza Griffith; Music, Aaron Griffith

PRAISING OUR CREATOR WHO CALLS US

Call to Worship & Lighting of Advent Candle (*from Psalm 57*)

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens.

Let your glory be over all the earth.

My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast.

I will sing and make melody.

Awake, my soul! Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn.

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;

I will sing praises to you among the nations.

For your steadfast love is as high as the heavens;

your faithfulness extends to the clouds.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens.

Let your glory be over all the earth.

Opening Worship Songs

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Grace (*Jer.30:18-24, Psalm 57*)

Look, the storm of the Lord! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked. The fierce anger of the Lord will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his mind. In the latter days you will understand this.

Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge, until the destroying storms pass by. I cry to God Most High, to God who fulfils his purpose for me. We have become predatory, living and lying down like lions, greedy to devour human neighbors. The speech of our mouths has been full of spears and arrows, our tongues like sharp swords. But you, O God, send from heaven and save us, grant us shame for our hate and injuries, and send forth your steadfast love and faithfulness.

Thus says the Lord: I am going to restore the fortunes of the tents of Jacob, and have compassion on his dwellings; the city shall be rebuilt upon its mound, and the citadel set on its rightful site. Out of them shall come thanksgiving, and the sound of merrymakers. I will make them many, and they shall not be few; I will make them honored, and they shall not be disdained. Their children shall be as of old, their congregation shall be established before me; and I will punish all who oppress them. Their prince shall be one of their own, their ruler shall come from their midst; I will bring him near, and he shall approach me, for who would otherwise dare to approach me? says the Lord. And you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Passing the Peace

Announcements

Hymn #448 – *Awake, Awake*

HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

Jeremiah 31:15-17, 23-26

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Mark 13:24-37

Video – *Waking Up*

Sermon – *Waking Life*

Spencer Bradford

RECEIVING THE SPIRIT, JOINED IN CHRIST'S BODY

Word Made Music – *I Need to Wake Up*

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal #731)

Offering and Offertory

RETURNING TO GOD'S SERVICE AS NEW CREATURES

Closing Hymn

Sending to Serve

Keep awake for the day of Christ's kingdom! Since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. Encourage one another and build up each other, for summer is near. Keep awake!

Pray for Mennonite Missions: Join Mennonite Mission Network in praising God for the recording of the entire New Testament in the Toba-Qom language, and for the 33 readers from eight denominations and 12 communities in the Argentine Chaco who volunteered to make this possible. Pray that God's word will find open hearts when it is aired on the radio.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AND THE SEASON

12/17: *Third Sunday of Advent*

Psalm 99; Jeremiah 31:1-7; 1 Thess. 5:12-28; Mark 1:1-8

Worship Leader: Lowell Tieszen; Music, Kevin Nice

12/24: *Fourth Sunday of Advent, & Christmas Eve*

Exodus 2:1-10; Hosea 11:1-11; 1 Peter 1:1-12; Psalm 132; Jer.30:1-11;

Romans 1:1-7; Luke 2:1-20

Worship Leader: Sylvia Daniel; Music, Cheryl Van Horn

12/31: *New Year's Eve*

Exodus 1:5-22; Psalm 20; 1 Peter 4:7-19; Luke 14:25-35

Worship Leader: Aaron Griffith; Music, Carol Detweiler

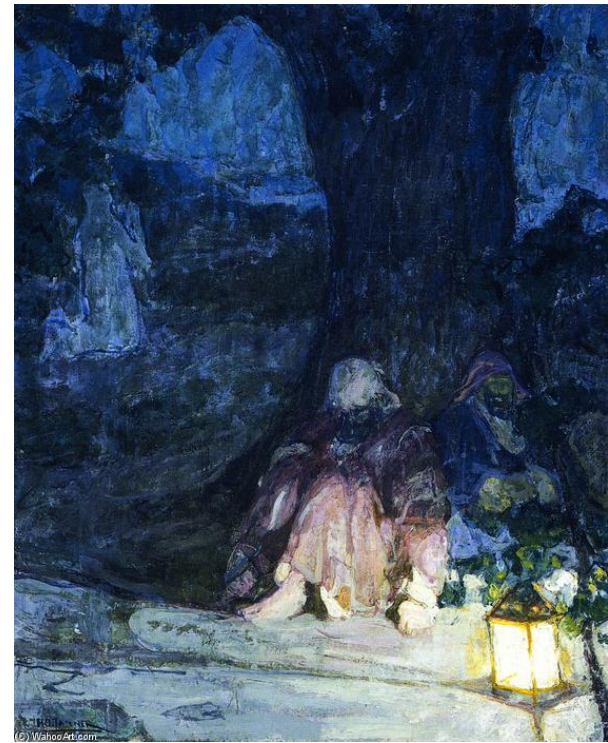
Upcoming Durham Mennonite Dates:

This Saturday, December 16, 5:00 pm – Christmas Carol Sing-along and Social at the Bradford home, 1613 Acadia St.!

Happy Birthday to Erika Daniel (12/14)

Tuesday, Dec. 19, 11:45 a.m., Watts St. Baptist Church (800 Watts St.) – DCIA Luncheon, \$7. Program Presentation – Preparing Dementia-Friendly Congregations.

Thursday, Dec. 21, 6:00 p.m., Downtown Durham Farmers Market (Foster St.) – Homeless Memorial Prayer Vigil.



Stay Awake

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Front image: "The Sleeping Disciples" – Henry Ossawa Tanner

*Our mission is to restore people to relationships of communion with God
and each other in Christ.*

*We will practice this mission through our worship and witness,
our discipling, fellowship and service.*