

## **Our Mission:**

*Raleigh Mennonite Church is a community growing as disciples of Jesus, the Christ. We nurture growth of the inner spiritual life, seeking transformation through God's grace as followers of Jesus.*

*We are active in reconciliation and service, making Christ known through sharing the story of God's love and forgiveness with our children, our neighbors and our world. In our lives, we seek justice, healing, hope and peace for all people.*

*We warmly and actively welcome others to join us on this journey.*

Pastor	Melissa F-B
Servant Leaders	Ben H, Karin S AI R, David R & Rachel T
Pastoral Care Team	Brenda NM, Stephen J, Dave C & Janet F
Church meeting location	1116 North Blount St., Raleigh NC
Mailing address	P.O. Box 25545, Raleigh NC 27611
RMC Website	<a href="http://www.raleighmennonite.org">www.raleighmennonite.org</a>
Email for announcements	<a href="mailto:bulletin@raleighmennonite.org">bulletin@raleighmennonite.org</a>

Email slides or videos to be projected

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## **Children in Worship**

\*Children are encouraged and celebrated in worship. Worship bags are available for use during the service. Nursery is available mid-way through the service for children up to kindergarten. To utilize our nursery, staffed by volunteers who have undergone our Safe Church training, meet at the entrance at the hymn prior to the sermon.

## **Hearing Assistance:**

Hearing enhancement devices are available at the A/V table.

## **Prayer concerns:**

Pray for wisdom, direction, and vision for a VM Missions couple as they look to start a Bible Study in their South Asian neighborhood. Pray for discernment as they consider the format and leadership.

## **Announcements:**

- **Longest Night Service, Dec. 21st** at 7pm: For many the holidays can bring up heaviness and longing. Perhaps it's because you are missing someone who has died and the holidays remind you of it. Perhaps it's the political climate, or maybe it's something else. During this service, we will create space to mourn, remember, and process some of these challenges together.

- **Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th** at 5pm: Please join us for worship and celebrating Christmas Eve together.
- **Christmas Day, Dec. 25th** at 10:30am: Please join us for a joint worship service with Chapel Hill Mennonite Fellowship and Love Wins on Christmas morning for carols and celebrating Christ's birth!
- **Men's March Getaway** - RMC men are invited to a weekend of hiking, eating, talking and chilling in Hanging Rock State Park, March 24-26, 2017. We've reserved a couple of the park's cabins for the weekend. If you're even a little interested, please talk with Stan NM soon.

RMC receives a **public offering** once each month (generally the first Sunday of the month); at other times gifts may be placed in the oak offering box on the back table.

## Upcoming Events

Second Informational Meeting following worship	Dec 11
Women's meeting at Bonnie M's	Dec 12
Longest Night Service, 7:00 pm	Dec 21
Christmas Eve Service, 5:00 pm	Dec 24
Christmas Service, 10:30 am	Dec 25
Servant Leader Retreat	Jan 7
Men's March Getaway 2017	Mar 24-26
Women's Beach Retreat 2017	Apr 28-May1

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

If your birthday or anniversary is missing from this list, please contact the bulletin team at [bulletin@raleighmennonite.org](mailto:bulletin@raleighmennonite.org)

Bonnie M	Dec 11
Abby J	Dec-12
Michael A	Dec-17

## Adult Sunday School classes:

"Love is a Verb" 1 John Bible Study – Room 6  
 "Trouble I've Seen" Racism and the Church – Room 2

	Today (December 11)	Next Week (December 18)
<b>Greeter/ Usher</b>	Rose T, June A	Ruth and Al R
<b>Nursery</b>	Kathy B, Dennis B, Laura C	Rachel T, Anne C, Anne Hope C
<b>Sharing</b>	Al R	Rachel T
<b>Sound</b>	Joe J	Stan NM
<b>Bulletin</b>	Joe J	Joe J
<b>Worship Coordinator</b>	Melissa F-B	Brenda NM

# Raleigh Mennonite Church

December 11, 2016

Third Sunday of Advent

### Welcome to our worship!

We are a community seeking to keep Jesus at the center of our lives, aware that we come from a variety of life experiences and points in our faith journeys. God invites us all to worship no matter our cultures, traditions and paths to God. We truly welcome you whatever your religious background or spiritual practice.

## Sunday School

9:30 a.m.

### Gathering for Worship 10:30 a.m.

Prelude	Kathleen I
Welcome & Announcements	Stephen J
Invitation to Worship	Screen
Psalm 146	Song WB 172 O Come, O Come Emmanuel (1,3,4,6)
Lighting of Advent Candle	SS 3
	Come, Light of the World
Prayer and Confession	Screen
Songs	WB 178 Come, thou long-expected Jesus
	WB 180 The angel Gabriel
Children's Story	Janet F and Rachel T
WB 411 I bind my heart this tide	
	<i>Children are invited to Order of the Mustard Seed</i>

### Hearing and Responding to God's Word

Scripture Reading	<a href="#">Isaiah 35:1-10</a> , <a href="#">James 5:7-10</a> , <a href="#">Luke 1:46b-55</a>
Sermon	<a href="#">Pregnant with God's Word</a> Sarah J
Song of Response	SJ 13 My soul is filled
Sharing and Prayer	Al R

### Sending to Serve

Song	Screen	Sing we a song of high revolt
Benediction		Melissa F-B