

### **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.*

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| 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

[AV@raleighmennonite.org](mailto:AV@raleighmennonite.org)

### **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:**

Ask that God will open doors for the Horst family in Thailand to make the most of the New Year holiday period to spend quality time with developing friendships. Pray for good planning, flexibility, and energy.

### **Announcements:**

- **Hearts and Hands for Haiti-** Preschool items can be left in or near the blue tub under the tables at the back of the auditorium. We are collecting supplies until **today, January 1, 2017**. Thank you for remembering our friends in Haiti!
- Our **January Fellowship Meal** will be on Sunday, **January 8**, after

the worship service. Plan to bring a dish to share and stay for the meal and enjoy the food and fellowship. Hospitality asks that those with last names starting with the letters A-J help with setting up tables and chairs before the meal as well as assist with clean up afterwards.

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

|                            |             |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| Servant Leader Retreat     | Jan 7       |
| January Fellowship Meal    | Jan 8       |
| 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)

|                    |        |
|--------------------|--------|
| Marva and Claude K | Dec 27 |
| Kim B              | Jan 5  |
| Brenda and Craig H | Jan 5  |
| Freddy J           | Jan 6  |

## 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 (January 1)   | Next Week (January 8)          |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Greeter/<br/>Usher</b>      | Luz and John F      | Kim B and Sara<br>Ch(proposed) |
| <b>Nursery</b>                 | Sara Chenlo, Mary J | Rosene R, Brenda H, Laura<br>C |
| <b>Sharing</b>                 | Brenda NM           | Joy W                          |
| <b>Sound</b>                   | Stan NM             |                                |
| <b>Bulletin</b>                | Joanna J            | Joanna J                       |
| <b>Worship<br/>Coordinator</b> | Brenda NM           |                                |

# Raleigh Mennonite Church

January 1, 2017

Epiphany

### 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.

## Gathering for Worship

10:30 a.m.

|                         |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| Prelude                 |  |
| Welcome & Announcements | Stephen J  |
| Invitation to Worship   | Screen<br>Brenda NM  |
| Songs of Light          | Worship Team   |
|                         | WB 215 What child is this?<br>SS 30 Arise, your light is come! |

## Lighting of Candles

Song SS 3 Come, Light of the World

## Confessing, Reconciling

Song Song sheet Love has come

## Offering

Song Song sheet In the bleak midwinter (vv 1,2,4)

*Children are invited to Nursery*

## Hearing and Responding to God's Word

Scripture Reading [Matthew 2:13-23](#)

Sermon [A Gift Beyond Measure](#) Rachel T

Song of Response SJ 27 God of the Bible

Sharing and Prayer Brenda NM

## Sending to Serve

Benediction SS 133