

## West Zion Mennonite Church

9:30 AM Sunday School                      10:30 AM: Morning Worship

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*Due to the coronavirus pandemic, worship services will be online on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/westzion/>).*

### CHRISTMAS SUNDAY

Words for silent meditation: *Praise the name of the LORD! (Psalm 148:13).*

Prelude    Donna Stucky  
*Free arrangement medley of German carols: "Ihr Kinderlein kommet (O come, little children), "O du Fröhliche" (Oh, you joyful), "Nun ist sie erschienen" (Now appeareth the heavenly sun)*

Welcome    Sharon Gehring

Call to Worship, Psalm 148  
**Praise God, the Maker of all things!**

Celebrating in Song  
*O come, all ye faithful*                      HWB 212  
*Angels we have heard on high*                      HWB 197

Scripture                      Luke 2:22-40

Meditation                      "Let Your Servant Now Go in Peace"                      Pastor Brad

Song for meditation  
*"Breath of Heaven" Chris Eaton, Amy Grant / Arr. Lloyd Larson*

Offering (*Please remember to continue supporting the church during this time.*)

Prayers of the People (*Joys and concerns can be shared in the "comment" bar on the Facebook live stream or text to Sharon Gehring at 620-386-0379.*)

Sending song                      *Lo, how a rose e'er blooming*                      HWB 211

Blessing and Sending

Postlude  
Hallelujah Chorus - from Messiah, G.F. Handel / Edited by Diane Bish

### Sermon Notes

Let Your Servant Now Go in Peace  
Luke 2:22-40

Theme  
Release life to God.

Key Verse  
(Luke 2:29) "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace.

### Notes

A Question  
What do you need to relinquish to God?

**Services are livestreamed on the West Zion Facebook page**  
**Sermons are online @ [westzionmc.org](https://www.facebook.com/westzionmc.org)**  
Streaming license # 20084674

## **Sunday, January 3, 2020**

### **Worship Service online at West Zion Facebook page**

**9:30 AM:** Sunday School in person in Fellowship Hall (or join us at <https://meet.google.com/bxs-bixi-vbj> if you prefer to meet online instead)

**10:30 AM:** Worship Service (live on WZ Facebook page)

**Message:** Pastor Brad

### **Coming Events**

Jan. 17: Annual meeting

**Our Mission:** God calls us into community to worship God and follow Jesus through the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

**Pastor Brad Roth**

Pastor's Cell: 620-386-4838

Pastor Brad's email: [bradroth@westzionmc.org](mailto:bradroth@westzionmc.org)

**Secretary Carla Stucky's hours:**

Thursdays 1:00-4:00 pm

Church: 620-345-8143

Carla's cell: 620-386-0414

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Website: [www.westzionmc.org](http://www.westzionmc.org)

## **West Zion Announcements**

Please have all bulletin announcements to the office by Thur. noon.

1. Due to the sharp rise in COVID-19 cases, **Church Council has decided to return to online-only worship.** Bulletins will still be printed, and you can pick one up in the foyer or find it on the West Zion website. Join us on our Facebook Live page each Sunday morning for worship at 10:30 AM.
2. **Thank you** to all who participated in our White Christmas Project this year and donated to Mt. Hope Sanctuary of McPherson! If you still want to bring in your gift or donation, Ellen will make a final donation in early January.
3. **Christmas letters** from former pastors Marvin Zehr and Yoder-Schrocks, can be found on the foyer bulletin board.
4. The **magazine Beyond** distributed by Mennonite Mission Network can now be found online at [www.MennoniteMission.net](http://www.MennoniteMission.net). There are also two copies at the church.
5. A **Community Christmas Dinner** will be served on Friday, Dec. 25 at the McPherson Community building at 122 E. Marlin. It will be drive-thru pickup only on Ash Street along the east side of the building from 11:30-1:30, free, limit 5 meals without prior approval. See more information at McPherson Community Dinners on Facebook.
6. **Yearbook reports:** A few reports for the yearbook have already been sent to me, thanks! I would like to have all yearbook reports (CDT, Homemakers, Deacon, Mission Team, Pastor, Treasurer, Trustee and Worship) by January 17.
7. **Updates** are needed for addresses and contact information in the yearbook. Please let Carla Stucky know if there are any changes on you or your family's contact information in the current yearbook. Address updates would need to be sent by January 17.
8. **Sunday School update: Adult Sunday School will be meeting in person beginning December 27 in Fellowship Hall.** The quarterly called Salt and Light will be studied. If you prefer to only join online, the link can be found on the West Zion website.

9. Please remember to **continue supporting the church** during this time. You can give online through PayPal or mail a check.

10. A **greeter's list** will be distributed when we go back to in-person worship. When we do meet again, we will continue to ask greeters to wear masks, open the door for people, and to not shake hands. Please let Carla Stucky know if you are still willing to greet or if you would prefer to be taken off the list.

## **General Announcements**

11. **MCC Comforter Blitz update:** Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2021 Kansas Friends of MCC Comforter Blitz in Yoder, KS has been canceled. However, the Blitz committee still has a goal of collecting at least 300 comforters between February and April. Fabric kits and comforter sets to tie (top, back, and batting) are available to check out from MCC in North Newton. For contactless drop-off of completed comforters, the 24-hour donation room is always available. To arrange drop-off or checkout materials, contact Kate at [katemast@mcc.org](mailto:katemast@mcc.org), or 316.804.8432.

12. **Kauffman Museum** at Bethel College is hosting the Smithsonian traveling exhibit "Crossroads: Change in Rural America" through Jan. 17. A local companion exhibit, "Of Land and People: Our Community at the Crossroads," is also on display. The museum is open 9:30 am-4:30 pm Tues.-Fri and 1:30-4:30 pm Sat.-Sun. Admission to the "Crossroads" exhibit is free on Saturdays.

**BUDGET SUMMARY**

	<b>This Year</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
Regular collections – last week	\$ 6,530.00	\$ 2,136.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$128,964.80	\$138,317.26
Budget	\$163,471.00	\$162,552.00
Less: expended to date	( 145,017.47)	( 151,708.82)
Less: cash balance	( 12,834.05)	( 4,775.34)
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 5,619.48	\$ 6,067.84
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 5,619	\$ 6,067
White Christmas	\$ 350	\$ 280
Mission: Larsons	\$ 175.00	

**West Zion Celebrations and Concerns**

Mel and Kathi as Mel continues to deal with heart and other health issues at St. Francis hospital.

**Prayer Request from Western District Conference**

Give thanks for God’s faithfulness to WDC and its congregations over this past year, and pray for vision, courage and hope as we enter a new year.

**Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network**

Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer are in the North American portion of their two-way mission. They will not be able to return to Ecuador in January, as they normally do, due to travel restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Pray for them as they communicate electronically with congregations in Ecuador and the United States.

**Mosaic Directory in pews**

Pray for the Mennonite Mission Network family as they lead, mobilize, and equip the church to bring Jesus Christ to a broken world.

We wish a **“Happy Birthday”** to:  
January 1: Virginia Guhr



MAY GOD SEND YOU MANY BLESSINGS THIS NEW YEAR!