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*At New Creation we seek to celebrate our differences as gifts and blessings - our differences in color, gender, sexual orientation, and the many other ways we are categorized by the world. You are welcome in this place as we journey together, discerning how to follow Jesus more faithfully.*

**PRAYER requests**

**Western District Conference:** In this Advent season, give thanks for God's gifts of justice, peace and restoration offered through ministries of WDC congregations.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Laura Schlabach, who is serving with MMN, asks for God's wisdom for the decision-makers at JCS International, a consortium of mission agencies in Mongolia. She also requests prayer for those who have been affected by the extreme winter air pollution that has caused respiratory illnesses in Ulaanbaatar, the country's capital, and other cities.

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December 11, 2022



Ruth

Prelude: God, Be the Love .....VT 43

Hark! the Glad Sound! .....VT 217

Welcome and Announcements..... Megan Thompson

Medatation Music: Poor of the Earth .....VT 213

Advent Candle Lighting Liturgy.....Screen  
 (Ian and Anthony Long will light the candles)

Prayer of Confession ..... Screen

Scripture .....Ruth 1

Bless the Arms That Comfort.....VT 527

He Came Down .....VT 239

Could It Be That God Is Singing? .....VT 42

Offering

Children's Time..... Rebecca Barrett-Fox

Sermon..... Renee Reimer  
*Cultivating Strong Relationships*

Sharing and Praying Together..... "O God, hear us"

Sending Song: O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem.....VT 275

Benediction..... Renee Reimer

Contributions Dec 4 - General Fund: \$965    Sharing Fund: \$216

	<u>December 11</u>	<u>December 18</u>
Worship leader	Megan T	Anthony H
Song leader	Vicki L and Krista M	Vicki L and Krista M
Musicians	Ian GG, Michelle V	Rhonda H & Aaron R
Sound & video	Galen M & Aaron R	George & Aaron V
Children's time	Rebecca B-F	Rebecca B-F
Speaker	Renee R	John M
Care of building	Andy B	John & Krista M

### Lectionary Text for Dec 18

[Isaiah 7:10-16](#)

[Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19](#)

[Romans 1:1-7](#)

[Matthew  
1:18-25](#)

# NCFC Advent 2022



**Christmas Worship Schedule:** Join us for a special Christmas Eve service, either in person or via Zoom. We'll gather Saturday 6:30 pm for a brief time of listening to the Christmas story, singing carols, and special music. Invite friends and family in need of a time of

reflection, celebration, and joy! **There will be NO service on Christmas, Sunday morning, December 25th.**

**Expecting Emmanuel Discussions:** Over the next few weeks, a small group of people from NCFC will be discussing [Expecting Emmanuel: Eight Women who Prepared the Way](#). All adults and teens are welcome to join the conversation! We will meet via Zoom from 7-8 pm:

12/15: WDC-wide discussion of first half of book ([registration required](#))

12/20: Ruth and Bathsheba

1/3: Mary

1/10: Anna, Weeping Mothers, Sophia

Questions? Ask Rebecca B-F.

You are invited to come to the **crafts and hanging out** group that will meet TODAY, Sunday December 11, after worship until 2:00. This is an informal, cozy time to have fellowship and to do crafts.

**Lift Update:** With the arrival of the lift equipment this week, progress is being made on both installing the machinery and controls, as well as the carpentry work and finishes to integrate the new accessibility lift into our building. Work will continue into next week, with progress requiring coordination between the general contractor doing the finish work, and the lift installer. There is a narrowing amount of work to complete, but we continue to appreciate everyone's patience as we finalize this project!

**Everence Advocate:** We are grateful to announce that Mona Krievins has agreed to the NCFC Everence Advocate. She will keep us informed of Everence seminars as well as submitting grants for the preschool. Thank you to Clark Oswald who has done this task for years!

### Carmina's Annual Cookie Parade

Saturday, December 17

Parade/exchange starts at 2pm

2 Sycamore Ct

You may come at 9am and bake or just

hang out until the parade. Any amount of cookies is fine. Don't forget to bring containers to take home your cookies. Questions? Text Carmina at 288-9188



## Cookie Parade

**MCC Christmas Giving!** Give gifts of comfort and joy and help meet the basic needs of our global neighbors this Christmas. Choose from unique gifts such as goats, bees, backpacks and more. Give at [mcc.org/delight](http://mcc.org/delight), call 888.563.4676 or visit the MCC Central States office in North Newton. With each gift you can get a card and insert explaining the project. These gifts (from \$10-\$4,000) make wonderful hostess/teacher gifts, stocking stuffers and are ideal for those on your Christmas list that are hard to shop for!

**Ted&Co to Perform "Just Give 'em The News" in Hesston:** In this original, delightfully askew, musical look at the first Christmas, Jeff Raught and Ted Swartz weave original songs, inspired piano playing and comedic theater around a new look at familiar Christmas stories. Finding the humor and humanity in biblical stories has long been a hallmark of Ted & Company. So what did Zechariah sound like before his temper rendered him mute? Did Gabriel ever tire of needing to tell people to "Fear not"? Did Mary ever..... Come and find out. TODAY, December 11, 2022. 7:00pm at Whitestone Mennonite Church. Free will offering directed to Mennonite Central Committee in support of relief efforts in Ukraine.

