

**Attendance last Sunday:** 58  
**General Fund offering:** \$2,935.20 + year-to-date = \$127,931.58  
**General Fund contributions budgeted for all of 2018:** \$218,488.55  
**Nehemiah Fund pledges:** \$167,555.28; received to date: \$167,895.28

## THIS WEEK

**Wednesday, 9:30am** – Mennonite Women Service Circle  
**Wednesday, 1:00pm** – Care Circle  
**Thursday, noon** – Bulletin items due  
**Thursday, 4:30pm** – Rhythm Kids  
**Sunday during Fellowship-15** – Baby shower for Alicia & Leo (they are having a baby boy)

## COMING EVENTS – December

**12** – Elkhart Mennonite Pastors at PSMC, 11:30am  
**13** – Open Circle & Friends at Granma's House of Pancakes  
**16** – Elders meeting, 12:15pm  
**19** – Company of Women, 6:30pm  
**23** – "Ray of Hope" candle light vigil, 5:30pm  
**24** – Christmas Eve service, 5:30pm (Bring cookies to share after the service)



### Prairie Street Mennonite Church

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**For pastoral care** you are welcome to contact a pastor or elder directly, or call the church office to make an appointment.



## PRAIRIE STREET MENNONITE CHURCH

1316 Prairie Street, Elkhart IN 46515-1687

Sunday, December 2, 2018

*Joyfully following Jesus in a spirit of celebration,  
hospitality, and caring so that others may know  
Jesus and follow his way of peace.*

## ADVENT 1 - HOPE

### GATHERING TO WORSHIP AND WELCOME

**Hymnal 178** – "Come, thou long-expected Jesus"

### CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Now is the time of waiting and watching. We wait expectantly for the Messiah, for God's promises to be fulfilled.

**People: We turn to you, O God, in the midst of this chaotic world, longing for that day of salvation to arrive. How long must we wait?**

Leader: Pay attention, be still and know that God is with us. The signs are all around us.

**People: Fill us with the faith and the hope of what is to be as we come before you with open hearts.**

**All: Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

### SINGING

**Sing the Journey 54** – "Longing for Light"

**Hymnal 172** – "O come, O come, Immanuel"

### CONFESSION OF FAITH AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

### SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

**BIRTHDAY BLESSING** – Carolyn Gardner Hunt

### HEARING THE WORD

**Children's time:** Jeanette Krabill

**Scripture reading:** Jeremiah 33:14-16; Luke 21-25-36

**Sermon:** Twilla Epp-Stutzman  
"The courage to hope"

### RESPONDING

**Sing the Journey 98** – "All will be well"

**Sharing joys and concerns:** Lois Longenecker

**Offering – Sing the Story 2** – "Maranatha, come"

**Pastoral Prayer:** Carolyn Gardner Hunt

## SENDING

*Sing the Journey 61* – “How can we be silent”

**Benediction:** Carolyn Gardner Hunt

*A prayer team is available to pray with you at the front of the sanctuary following the service. You are welcome to request anointing.*

## THIS MORNING:

**Worship Leader:** Frances Ringenberg

**Song Leader:** Kyle Weirich

**Visuals:** Worship team and friends

**Prayer team:** Carolyn Gardner Hunt, Lois Longenecker

**AV Technician:** Anthony Hunt

**Usher:** Becky Miller

**Greeter:** Mary Kathryn Miller

**Hall Monitor:** Jerry Miller

**Church Nursery:** LaNasha Taylor

**Fellowship 15** **Please see Mary Alice to Sign up!**

**Building Lock-up:** Ron Ringenberg

## Second hour:

All ages are encouraged to gather in the Fellowship Hall for Fellowship-15 and discussion of the recommendations from the Transition team.

New second hour opportunities beginning next week – sermon response group and “Handel’s Messiah” sing-along! There will be classes for the children too.

**Clase en español:** Continuamos con una clase en español para compartir testimonios y aprender sobre cómo nos conectamos con la historia de la Iglesia Prairie Street. También continuamos estudiando la Biblia y desarrollando liderazgo. Esta mañana, nos reuniremos en la Graber Room (nivel bajo) durante la segunda hora para hablar sobre Hebreos 13 y Romanos 12, dirigido por nuestro hermano Julián.

**Cualquiera que entienda el español es bienvenido, ya sea que haya hablado español toda la vida o simplemente esté aprendiendo ahora.**

**Class in Spanish:** We will continue a class in Spanish to share testimonies and learn about how we connect with the history of Prairie Street Church. We also continue to study the Bible and develop leadership. This morning, we will meet in the Graber Room (lower level) during the second hour to talk about Hebrews 13 and Romans 12, led by our brother Julian.

**Anyone who understands Spanish is welcome, whether you've spoken Spanish all your life or are just learning now.**

## NEXT WEEK: Advent 2

**Sermon:** Carolyn Gardner Hunt

**Worship Leader:** Eleanor Kreider

**Song Leader:** Kyle Weirich

**Children’s Time:** Jeanette Krabill

**AV Technician:** Orion Blaha

**Usher:** Becky Miller

**Greeter:** Mary Kathryn Miller

**Hall Monitor:** Jerry Miller

**Church Nursery:** LaNasha Taylor

**Fellowship 15”** **Please see Mary Alice to Sign up!**

**Building Lock-up:** Milo Wiese

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Today during second hour:** There will be an opportunity for further discussion of the recommendations before our congregational meeting. All are invited to participate in this discussion.

**Congregational meeting: Today** immediately following the potluck lunch. Items on the agenda include: 2019 church budget, transition plan and Jubilee House. Please bring your copy of the budget with you to the meeting.

**Mark your calendars!** Next Sunday, December 9, there will be a baby shower for Alicia and Leo Rodriguez. They are welcoming a baby boy soon! Gifts and cards will be shared during Fellowship-15.

**Please remember:** Do not wear perfumes, colognes or aftershave when coming to church out of concern for those who experience allergies to heavy scents. Even though it is understood that wearing scents can be enjoyable, we want everyone to be able to worship without feeling their health is being compromised. Thank you.

**Volunteer Opportunity:** Elkhart Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, Black Expo, and the Elkhart Chapter of the NAACP are working together to sponsor a community Christmas dinner at the Roosevelt Center on Saturday, December 15 from 12 noon-3 p.m. Churches in Elkhart are cooperating to bring side dishes and serve the meal. Would you be able to help for **45 minutes** the day of the meal? Call or text Pastor Carolyn at 574-350-6285. Thank you!