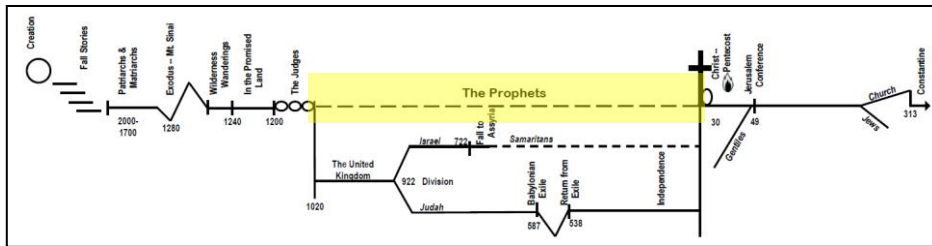


## Bible Timeline & Artwork

**Artwork:** Instead of depicting any one single prophet, this image shows us a symbol of the general prophet: a messenger of God who is called to stand apart, and sometimes be despised. This messenger could be a man or a woman; old or young. All the messengers of God, the prophets of God, were called to share the words of God with God's people. The words of God sometimes came in the form of a warning. A vision of the destruction that was to come. Other times the messages of God urged the people to be just. Calling the people to show kindness to those in need and stay away from violence. There are also times that the prophets shared God's messages of hope with God's people. Hope of a future with peace and hope for a closer connection to God. Who are the prophets of our time? Do we take time to listen to God's messages that they share?



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For announcements, see the **FMC Weekly** online or at the welcome center.

Welcome to

## First Mennonite Church

Denver, CO



**December 1, 2019**

**First Sunday of Advent**  
**Peace is Contagious**

*That you may know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,  
so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.*

**Contemplative Worship Preparation** 9:20 am

**Entering Worship** 9:30 am

Call to Worship (Congregation respond with the **bold print**.)

The day is near.

**And so we wait.**

We wait with hope,

**For the brokenhearted to be healed, for the downtrodden to be lifted up.**

We wait for the coming of the Christ child.

**In this meantime, we will sing into the silence. We will worship God together.**

Invocation

Welcome & Announcements

Introductions & Passing of the Peace

*Bless'd be the God of Israel* Blue Hymnal 174

Lighting the First Advent Candle- *Hope*

**Today we light the candle of hope.**

Today, we remember that in these times of despair,

**Hope is an act of resistance.**

May we become hope for this discouraged world. Amen.

**Children's Time**

Call for Children: *Jesus loves me... they are sweet and he is strong...*

Children's Time

- *Nursery care is available in B2 downstairs for children 1-4 years old.*
- *K-5 children participating in the Christmas program go to the Community Center for practice.*

*Let the Children Come to Me* Purple Book 47

**Faith Reflection**

Chimes

Scripture Isaiah 2:1-5

*Comfort, Comfort, O My People* Blue Hymnal 176

Meditation "Violence is Contagious. So is Peace."

*Hope is a Candle* Purple Book 15

Chimes

**Community and Sharing**

Offertory

Sharing & Pastoral Prayer

*Peace Before Us*

Purple Book 16

Benediction

**Leadership for this Service**

Meditation: Claudia Aguilar

Worship Leader: Jordan Penner

Song Leader & Choir Director: Charlie Ferguson

Pre-Service & Communion Music: Emily Martin

Children's Time: Anita Miller

Usher Coordinator: Brad Shelly

Safety Usher: Ben Gerig

Audiovisual: Randy Friesen

Floral Arrangement: Joyce Yost – *The floral arrangement honors the life of Joyce's sister, Carol John, who passed away in late October.*

Cover Art: "Prophet of God" by Erin Wentorf

*Thanks to all who generously shared their attention and talents to make this service a time of encouragement and challenge in our walk of faith.*

**After worship in the Community Center**

- ♦ Join us for refreshments and help support our youth
- ♦ Purchase grocery cards to help support the FMC Ministry Plan

**Education Hour 10:45-11:45 am**

**Children & Youth ages 2-18:** none

**Adult Education:** (Sanctuary) FMC outreach grant recipient Denver Inner City Parish will give an update on their programs, especially the Veggie Rx nutritional program. Come hear from Larry Martinez.

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**This holiday season give to Joseph's Storehouse**, the FMC program that provides direct assistance to people on the Westside needing emergency rent and utility help. To donate, write checks to FMC with "Joseph's Storehouse" in the memo.