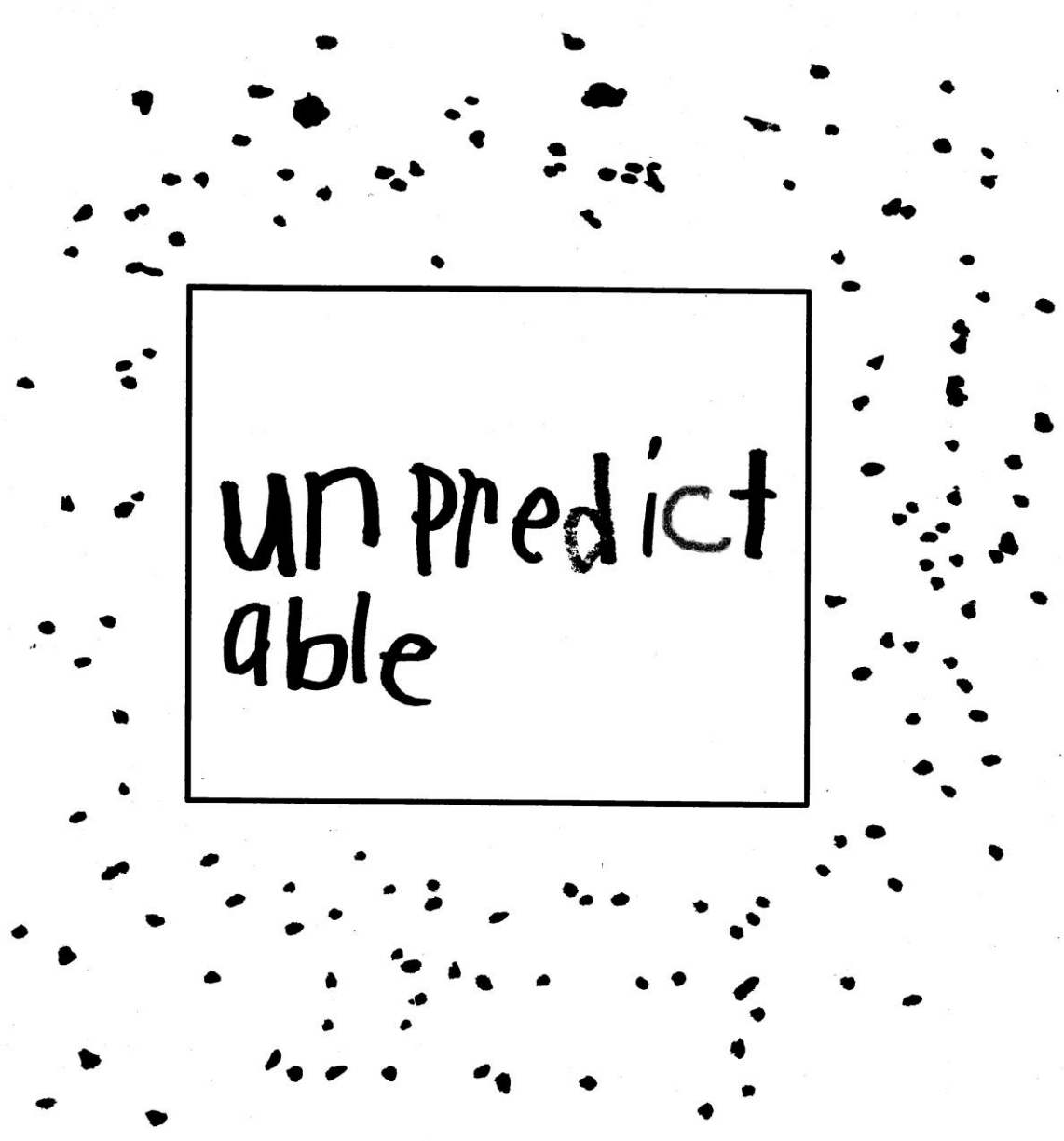


Rainbow Mennonite Church



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Name **Romy**

NOVEMBER 30, 2014

Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 10:50 a.m.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
TRUE TREASURES**

PRELUDE Karen Hostetler, Accompanist

WELCOMING THE LIGHT Emma, Jeff, Arri and Eli Janzen, Candlelighters
Wake, awake! by J.S. Bach Jon Wiebe and Rosi Penner Kaufman

GREETING AND INVOCATION Robert Carlson, Worship Leader
L: Ever-present God, you promise to be with us as we worship together.
*All: Help us to be truly present today to receive your treasures of goodness
and mercy, in the name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord, Amen.*

*HYMN #90 *For the fruit of all creation*

CHILDREN'S TIME Treasure talk with Terry Rouse

SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

ANTHEM *Open my ears, open my eyes* Clemens
(Please reserve expressions of appreciation for Community Building time)

SCRIPTURE Mark 13:24-37

SERMON *Happy New (Church) Year!*

HYMN #175 *O Savior, rend the heavens*

COMMUNITY BUILDING TIME

- Anticipating Christmas

Children and WorshipArts participants will be invited to treasure the arrival of Jesus into the world by adding something to the crèche at the front of the sanctuary. As they come forward with stars today, we will join in singing #191 O little town of Bethlehem.

- Introductions

We are glad you are here. Once the attendance register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.

- Joys and Concerns

Slips of paper are available in the attendance register for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl at the front of the sanctuary.

- Prayers of the People

- Announcements

- Offering

*HYMN #186

Fling wide the door

*SENDING FORTH

L: Stay awake people of God!

C: True faith cannot lie sleeping.

L: It clothes the naked, it comforts the sorrowful.

C: It shelters the destitute, it serves those that harm it,

L: It binds up that which is wounded.

All: Let us rise up in true faith

and shine the light of Love to the world this day!

*POSTLUDE

* Please stand as you are able.

Unless otherwise indicated, hymns are in the blue *Hymnal: A Worship Book*.

Songs designated “SJ” are in the green *Sing the Journey* hymnal.

About the **worship bulletin covers**: For the last few weeks in WorshipArts we've been doing Zentangles, which might be described as “mindful doodling.” While we work on designs and patterns, we talk about what we've experienced during the worship service. Some of the bulletins are a collaborative effort – we asked the jr. high class to illustrate words they associate with Advent and Christmas inside the box, then the WorshipArts kids “tangled” around them. Ask one of our young worshippers about the project. They can tell you more.

Further reflection on treasures

If you wrote a poem about treasures like the one below, what would you include?

My Symphony

To live content with small means.

To seek elegance rather than luxury, and refinement rather than fashion.

To be worthy not respectable, and wealthy not rich.

To study hard, think quietly, talk gently, act frankly, to listen to stars, birds, babes, and sages with open heart, to bear all cheerfully, do all bravely, await occasions, hurry never. In a word, to let the spiritual, unbidden and unconscious, grow up through the common.

This is to be my symphony.

-William Ellery-Channing

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