

# Waterford Mennonite Church

Advent 3

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*As the people of Waterford Mennonite Church, we*

December 11, 2016

**Welcome** everyone to faith and fellowship in Jesus Christ,

**Minister** to the needs of one another and our neighbors through the Holy Spirit, and

**Call out** each other's gifts for the joyful work of God's reconciling mission.

## Walking in the Way of God's Heart: *God's Healing is at Hand*

Prelude		WMC Orchestra
Invitation		
Gathering songs		JD Smucker, Lorraine Reinford
	<i>Santo, santo, santo</i>	H 400
	<i>The angel Gabriel</i>	H 180
	<i>Hark! The glad sound!</i>	H 184
Welcome and Call to Worship		Julie Zehr
Congregational song	<i>Come, Light of the world</i>	SS 3
Lighting the Advent candle		
Reading	Psalm 146, Luke 1	Laurina Graber-Ditzler, Veronica Berkey
Congregational song	<i>Magnificat</i>	SS 12
Confession and words of assurance		
Offering	(Gifts are for Mennonite Education unless designated otherwise) <i>Please pass the friendship pads as we give our offerings.</i>	
Children's time		Ron Weirich
Scripture	Isaiah 35:1-10; Matthew 11:2-11	Dan & Diane Bodiker (1 <sup>st</sup> ); Colleen Stoltzfus, Julie Zehr (2 <sup>nd</sup> )
Sermon	"Our Two Hands"	Cindy Voth

Song of response	<i>I know not why God's wondrous grace</i>	H 338
Sharing and congregational prayer		Velma Swartz
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>Go now in peace</i>	H 429

H = *Hymnal: A Worship Book*; SJ = *Sing the Journey*; SS = *Sing the Story*

We light the peace lamp every Sunday to lament all unnecessary and violent loss of life around the world.

**Living Stream Worship: Both services are live streamed at [www.waterfordchurch.org](http://www.waterfordchurch.org)**

*Thank you to Audrey Oostland and Deb Yoder for preparing the visuals at the front of the sanctuary and throughout the foyer for the Advent season.*

## **Welcome, Guests**

Large print copies of the bulletin and the hymnal and hearing aid systems are available from the ushers. Sermon boards for children are available at the back door; please pick one up as you enter. You are invited to bring infants through age two children to the nursery. Pick up the newsletter, *Buzz*, from the welcome kiosk in the foyer.

## Prayers for Brothers and Sisters

Our *children and Jr. youth* as they lead us into the Christmas story during tonight's musical.

Prayers for comfort for *Lester Bauman* as he has moved to healthcare at Miller's Merry Manor in Wakarusa and for *Carol* who remains in assisted living but in a smaller room than she and Lester had shared.

*Mennonite churches in Bolivia* have vacation Bible school this month. *Margrit Kipfer Barrón*, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, helps prepare the curriculum and train teachers. Pray that the Spirit of God will move in a powerful way among the children who attend and their families.

*Our guests from Interfaith Hospitality Network* who stayed at Waterford this week.

Our eleventh grade students *Zoë Brown, Matthew Damer, Alexa Haarer, Gabriel Hartzler, Matthew Herrmann, Lauren Hoogenboom, Sierra Ross Richer, Anna Smucker* and their Sunday School teachers *Loanne Harms and Kay Miller*.

*Faculty, staff, and students at Benin Bible Institute* as they, too, prepare to celebrate the miracle of the Incarnation this Christmas.

*Immigrants* as they seek a place to be safe and belong.

*High school and college students* taking exams this week.

## Today

8:00/10:45 a.m. Worship  
9:15 a.m. Coffee and fellowship  
9:30 a.m. Nurture hour— classes for all ages  
5:00 p.m. Children's Christmas musical, "Sheep in Heavenly Peace"  
7:00 p.m. Ecuador prayers/Room 15

## Welcome Team

Greeter/Hosts Elmer & Deloris Wyse; Jon. & Mary Ann Wieand  
Ushers Bruce Snyder, Dennis Myers (1<sup>st</sup>);  
Glenn Reinford, Herb Resler, Joanna Yoder (2<sup>nd</sup>)  
Nursery Jane Otto, Dee Birkey (1<sup>st</sup>); Becky Bateman, Waneda Miller (Nurture);  
Julie Yoder, Lori Judson (2<sup>nd</sup>)  
Audiovisual Shawn Stutzman, Colin Berkey, Felix Perez-Diener

**Last Sunday Attendance:** Worship–321 (157+164); Nurture hour–302

## Finances – December 4

Operating Fund	\$ 11,995.50	Mennonite Education	\$ 798.75
Either Fund	\$ 2,755.00	Budget subtotal	\$ 15,549.25
<i>Weekly giving needed to meet budget</i>			<i>\$ 15,211.00</i>
Children’s offering	\$ 15.10	Sharing Fund	\$ 100.00
MEF Above Budget	\$ 2,220.00	The Window	\$ 30.00
Benin Bible Institute	\$ 100.00	Chamberlain Food Pantry	\$ 100.00
MMN Ross Richer	\$ 3,000.00	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 21,114.35</b>

## This Week at Waterford

Monday	7:00 a.m.	Praying the Office/Room 15
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Children’s Cluster/Room 6
	7:00 p.m.	Facilities & Finance Ministry Team/Room 15
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Jr MYF
	6:30 p.m.	Venture Club
	7:00 p.m.	MYF
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Morning prayers/Room 15
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Nurture Ministry Team/Room 15

## Looking Ahead

December 18	Sermon: Neil Amstutz; Fourth Sunday of Advent <i>(Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Matthew 1:18-25; Romans 1:1-7)</i>
December 25	Christmas Sunday; worship at 10:45 a.m., no nurture hour <i>(Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 148; Luke 2:1-20)</i>

## Out of Office

Katie Misz      December 15 – 18

## Pastoral Team

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