

# Waterford Mennonite Church

Advent 4

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*As the people of Waterford Mennonite Church, we*

December 18, 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 Restoration is at Hand***

Prelude Elvina Schmidt

Invitation Pat Lehman

Gathering songs Vyron Schmidt

*O come, all ye faithful* H 212

*Angels we have heard on high* H 197

*Gloria* H 204

*Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming* H 211

Welcome and Call to Worship

Congregational song *Come, Light of the world* SS 3

Lighting the Advent candle

Reading Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 Karon Weaver, Cathy Hochstetler

Confession and words of assurance

Offering (Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)  
*Please pass the friendship pads as we give our offerings.*

Children's time Bill Swartzendruber

Congregational song *Jesus, Jesus, oh, what a wonderful child* SS 19

Scripture Matthew 1:18-25

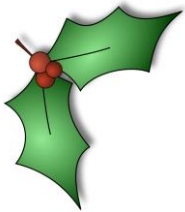
Sermon "If You Build It, He Will Come" Neil Amstutz

Song of response	<i>Holy Child within the manger</i>	SS 28
Sharing and congregational prayer		Cindy Voth
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>Good Christian friends, rejoice</i>	H 210

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

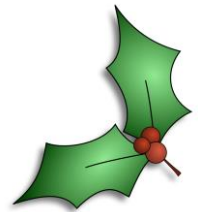
We light the peace lamp every Sunday to lament all unnecessary and violent loss of life around the world.

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



**Christmas Eve Service, December 24, 6:30 p.m.**

**Christmas Worship Service, December 25, 10:45 a.m.**



*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

*Tom and Disa Rutschman*, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, have shared Jesus as the Light of the World through many long winters on the Arctic Circle in Sweden. Pray that this year they may again create sparks of life through teaching in schools and the leadership they provide at Jokkmokk Free Church.

*All who are homeless* during this season of Christmas.

Our high school seniors *Nathan Berkey, Carly Gingerich, Simon Hurst, Jackson King, Byeong Min Lim, Khalid Miller, Lane Miller, Sophie Miller, Ariana Perez-Diener, Daniel Robles Perez, Alex Yoder* and their teachers *Loanne Harms and Kay Miller*.

*Caregivers at Waterford* who are providing ongoing care for their spouse or parent.

*Rosetta Mast*, who celebrates her 96<sup>th</sup> birthday on Saturday, for God's grace and joy to be poured out on her. Join in her celebration by signing a card for her at the table in the foyer.

The *humanitarian tragedy of Aleppo*.

*Byron Yoder* recuperating from a broken thumb and ankle due to a car accident on Tuesday.

*Ralph Martin* recovering from the flu after spending several days in the hospital.

For patience for *Jerrell and Jane Ross-Richer* as they wait for a plan of action from Doctors.

That *those experiencing struggles* in their lives would find hope in Jesus and the caring ministries of our congregation, including the support available through Stephen Ministry.

## 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

## Welcome Team

Greeter/Hosts Elmer & Deloris Wyse; Jon. & Mary Ann Wieand

Ushers Ken Otto, Darrel Sommers (1<sup>st</sup>);  
Bob Shetler, Wade Ramer (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Nursery Nick & Amanda Stoltzfus (1<sup>st</sup>); Becky Bateman, Waneda Miller (Nurture);  
Laurina & Josiah Graber-Ditzler (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Audiovisual Glen Kauffmann, Nathan Berkey, Jeff Claassen

**Last Sunday Attendance:** Worship—284 (129+155); Nurture hour—270

## Finances – December 11

Operating Fund	\$ 3,379.25	Mennonite Education	\$ 11,499.75
Either Fund	\$ 6,335.00	Budget subtotal	\$ 21,214.00
<i>Weekly giving needed to meet budget</i>			<i>\$ 14,911.00</i>
Children's offering	\$ 17.29	Least Coin Fund	\$ 17.00
Jr MYF Fundraiser	\$ 1,408.00	MYF Fundraiser	\$ 60.00
<b>Total:</b>			<b>\$ 22,716.29</b>

## This Week at Waterford

Monday 7:00 a.m. Praying the Office/Room 15  
Wednesday 7:00 p.m. MYF  
Thursday 7:00 a.m. Morning prayers/Room 15  
Saturday 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

## Looking Ahead

December 25 Christmas Sunday; Worship at 10:45 a.m., No nurture hour  
*(Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 148; Luke 2:1-20)*

January 1 Sermon: Neil Amstutz;  
*(Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Matthew 2:1-12; Ephesians 3:1-12)*  
*New Year's Fellowship Meal hosted by Open Door, Praying Companions, and Koinonia classes*

## Out of Office

Neil Amstutz December 20 - 23  
Cindy Voth December 22

## Pastoral Team

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