

# Waterford Mennonite Church

*Epiphany*

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As the people of Waterford Mennonite Church, we

January 1, 2017

**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 radiance is at hand!***

Prelude		John Zehr
Invitation		
Gathering songs		Jeff Miller
	<i>On this day earth shall ring</i>	H 192
	<i>Arise, your light is come!</i>	SS 30
	<i>Oh, beautiful star of Bethlehem</i>	SS 32
Welcome and call to worship		Sheldon Swartz
Congregational song	<i>Come, Light of the world</i>	SS 3
Lighting the Advent candle		
Reading	Psalm 72:10-14	Veronica Berkey
Confession and words of assurance		
Offering	(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise) <i>Please pass the friendship pads as we give our offerings.</i>	
Children's time		Gilberto Perez
Congregational song	<i>Worship the Lord in the beauty</i>	H 220
Scripture	Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12	Michelle Lehman (1 <sup>st</sup> ); Gordon Bontrager (2 <sup>nd</sup> )

Sermon		Katie Misz
Song of response	<i>Don't be afraid</i>	SJ 105
Sharing and congregational prayer		Velma Swartz
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>God has chosen me</i>	SS 114

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

*For us all* as we enter the New Year that we might have a greater desire to seek first the kingdom of God.

*Axel Brown* recovering from tonsillectomy.

*Linda Oyer*, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, is waiting for surgery to remove her gallbladder after severe attacks of cholecystitis last month. Pray for rest and peace as she regains health in her home near Paris, France, so she can be ready for the operation this month.

*Students, teachers, and staff* as school resumes in the coming days and weeks.

*OWLS* (Older wiser loving sisters) as they meet for lunch and fellowship on Wednesday.

*Jr. Youth and their sponsors* as they participate in winter retreat next weekend at Amigo Centre.

*Emily Bowman* serving in Honduras with MCC as she transitions to being the only one in the office while the country representatives return to Switzerland. (Please check your literature box and the announcements for a way we can encourage her.)

## 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

12:00 p.m. Holiday Fellowship Meal hosted by Open Door, Praying Companions, and Koinonia classes

## Welcome Team

Greeter/Hosts Doug & Janette Yoder

Ushers Ken Otto, Glenn Reinford, Dennis Myers (1<sup>st</sup>);  
Glenn Reinford, Wade Ramer, Joanna Yoder (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Nursery Anna Holbrook, Esther Helmuth (1<sup>st</sup>); Becky Bateman, Waneda Miller (Nurture);  
Lorna Claassen, Rachel Brenneman (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Audiovisual Colin Berkey, Nathan Berkey; Bob Hochstetler, Len Emery (2<sup>nd</sup>)

## Last Sunday Attendance: Worship-265

### Finances – December 25

Operating Fund	\$ 18,544.52	Mennonite Education	\$ 855.00
Either Fund	\$ 1,975.00	Budget subtotal	\$ 21,374.52
<i>Weekly giving needed to meet budget</i>			<i>\$ 14,600.00</i>
Ecuador Two-Way Mission	\$ 500.00	Mennonite Central Committee	\$ 100.00
Jr MYF Fundraiser	\$ 32.00	MYF Femi Fundraiser	\$ 300.00
Sharing Fund	\$ 75.00	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 22,381.52</b>

### This Week at Waterford

Monday	Offices closed
Wednesday	12:00 p.m. OWLS/Juniper Place 6:00 p.m. MYF Sponsor Meeting 7:00 p.m. MYF 7:00 p.m. Gifts Discernment Ministry Team/Room 15
Thursday	7:00 a.m. Morning prayers/Room 15 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Team/Rooms 22, 15
Friday	4:00 p.m. Jr MYF leave for Winter Youth Retreat
Sunday	12:00 p.m. Jr MYF return from Winter Youth Retreat

### Looking Ahead

January 8	Singing the Salvation Story
January 15	Sermon: Neil Amstutz ( <i>Jonah 1:1 – 2:1, 10; 3:1-5, 10 – 4:11</i> )

### Out of Office

Neil Amstutz	January 1
Cindy Voth	January 1 - 2
Velma Swartz	January 3

### Pastoral Team

		<u>Phone</u>	<u>E-mail</u>
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