

Waterford Mennonite Church

Advent 3

December 17, 2017

As the people of Waterford Mennonite Church, we

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.

Yes! Let it Be!



Zoë Brown

Bring it on, God!

Let it be whole

Prelude		Josh Tyson
Gathering songs		MYF Worship Band
	<i>God rest ye merry people all</i>	
	<i>O holy night</i>	
	<i>My soul cries out</i>	SS 124
Welcome and lighting the peace lamp*		Sheldon Swartz
Call to worship		
Lighting the Advent candle		
Congregational Song	<i>Build your kingdom here</i>	
Offering	(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)	
	<i>Please pass the friendship pads as we give our offerings.</i>	
Children's time		Luke Voth
Scripture	1 Thessalonians 5:16-24	Emma Bontrager
Sermon		Cindy Voth
Song of response	<i>Joy to the world</i>	H 318
Receiving new members (2 nd service)		Neil Amstutz
	Carolyn Chupp, Bob & Rachael Hochstedler	
Congregational prayer		Velma Swartz
Voices of "Wisdom" and "Wonder"		
Time of silence		
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>Build your kingdom here</i>	

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: The services are live streamed at www.waterfordchurch.org



Special Worship Participants

Candle lighters: Todd & Jill Replogle family (1st); Mark & Krista Daniels family (2nd)
Drama: Carol Lehman, Daphcar Lehman (1st); Ron Weirich, Dane Yoder (2nd)



Prayers for Brothers and Sisters

Tim and Sharon Burkholder as Tim has hip replacement surgery on Tuesday.

We remember this week our Preschool students *Kylie Bodiker, Heath Yoder, and Kenzie Zimmerman* and their teachers *Phil & Liz Habecker, Lyz Zimmerman* and *Luke Voth*.

This week we remember in prayer college student *Ariana Pérez Diener* who is a first year at Goshen College.

Arnold & Lucille Roth, who are celebrating their 62nd wedding anniversary today.

Pat Lehman as she leaves tomorrow to co-lead with Sylvia Shirk the Goshen College SST in Peru until August, 2018.

For *pastors and religious leaders* as the community discusses/debates the proposed detention facility.

Jill Landis Jha and her daughters, Anusha and Navya, who returned to the States Saturday with Emily, as they spend time with family over the holidays.

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.

Welcome home to our college students! You are invited to come to the room beside the kitchen for food and fellowship during the nurture hour.

Special Events this week

Thursday 7:00 p.m. Longest Night Service: A Taizé-style service for those who live with grief, pain, loss or despair on the longest night of the year.

Welcome Team

Greeter/Hosts	Henry & Fanny Mast; Becky, Gretchen and Lucas Bateman
Ushers	Ken Otto, Lowell Stoltzfus, Dennis Myers (1 st); Glenn Reinford, Joanna Yoder, Wade Ramer (2 nd)
Nursery	Dee Birkey, Julie Zehr (1 st); Barb Westerbeek, Kathy Myers (Nurture); Matthew Herrmann, Rose Shetler (2 nd)
Audiovisual	Colin Berkey, Jeff Claassen, Jordan Graber Kauffman

Last Sunday Attendance: Worship – 301 (144+157); Nurture – 265

Finances – December 10, 2017

Operating Fund	\$ 5,200.00	Mennonite Education	\$ 6,119.00
Either Fund	\$ 4,525.00	Budget subtotal	\$ 15,844.00
<i>Weekly giving needed to meet budget</i>			<i>\$ 16,427.00</i>
Fall Mission	\$ 900.00	Ecuador Cofán	\$ 500.00
Charlene Christopel Mem.	\$ 300.00	Total:	\$ 17,544.00

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

This Week at Waterford

Tuesday 7:00 p.m. HOPE Team/Room 15
Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Venture Club; Jr. MYF
Thursday 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayers
7:00 p.m. Longest Night Service

Looking Ahead

December 24 Lessons and Carols; Advent 4
December 31 Sermon: Neil Amstutz; Christmas
(*Galations 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40*)
9:30 a.m. Christmas Brunch, hosted by Bridgebuilders and Gelassenheit classes

Out of Office

Neil Amstutz December 20 - 27

Pastoral Team

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