

Waterford Mennonite Church

Advent 3

December 24, 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!

Yes! Let it be now

Prelude	John Zehr (1 st); Lorraine Reinford (2 nd)	
Call to Worship		Loanne Harms
Lighting the Advent Candle	Michelle, Daphcar and Bervalie Lehman (1 st); Jeff & Kay Miller (2 nd)	
Prayer		
Congregational Song	<i>To us a child of hope is born</i>	H 189
Lesson One: The Word		
Scripture in Art	Visual	Viseo Divina
Scripture in Word	John 1:1-5	
	Jenna Oostland, Nathan Oostland, Dan Bodiker, Katie Misz	
Congregational Songs		JD Smucker
	<i>Bless'd be the God of Israel</i>	H 174
	<i>What child is this</i>	H 215
	<i>Marvelous grace of our loving Lord</i>	H 151
Lesson Two: John the Baptist		
Scripture in Word	Luke 3:4-6, 16	
Scripture in Art	Dance	Liturgical Dancers
Congregational Prayer		Cindy Voth
	<i>Come, Light of the world</i>	SS 3
Lesson Three: Jesus is born		
Scripture in Art	Music	Girls' Choir
Scripture in Word	Luke 2:1-7	
Children's time		Luke Voth
Lesson Four: The Shepherds		
Scripture in Word	Luke 2:8-20	
Congregational song	<i>Angels we have heard on high</i>	H 197
Offering	(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise) <i>Please pass the friendship pads as we give our offerings.</i>	
Scripture in Art	Drama	Voices of "Wisdom" and "Wonder"
	Carol Lehman, Daphcar Lehman (1 st); Ron Weirich, Dane Yoder (2 nd)	
Time of silence		
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>O come, all ye faithful</i>	H 212

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

Prayers for Brothers and Sisters

Sherry Mast, who had pneumonia and spent time in the hospital last week.

For *creative peacemaking* that can disrupt cycles of violence and oppression; for communities to find ways to support and love one another; for past wounds to begin healing; for the people of the church to continue seeking the peace of Christ.

Jackson King as he spends time with his family before returning to continue his Service Adventure term in Alaska.

MDS operations team as they continue planning for new projects in Florida and Texas and their continued evaluation of Puerto Rico; and *those who have been affected by disasters* as they enter the Christmas season.

Loanne Harms' mother, Sally Weirich, who was hospitalized with pneumonia.

We remember this week our 2 and 3-year-old students *Lena Claassen, Jeremiah Voth, Lydia Voth and Sean Zimmerman* and their teachers *Char Stoltzfus and Becky Yoder*.

The *Ross Richer family* as they celebrate Christmas in Zábalo, Ecuador.

Rosetta Mast, who celebrates her 97th birthday on Tuesday, 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.

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.

Welcome Team

Greeter/Hosts	Henry & Fanny Mast; Becky, Gretchen and Lucas Bateman
Ushers	Bruce Snyder, Ken Otto, Dennis Myers (1 st); Glenn Reinford, Byron Yoder, Don Miller (2 nd)
Nursery	Alan & Lyz Zimmerman (1 st); Barb Westerbeek, Kathy Myers (Nurture); Denise Diener and Camila Pérez Diener (2 nd)
Audiovisual	Glen & Chrissy Kauffmann; Félix Pérez Diener, Gabe Hartzler

Last Sunday Attendance: Worship – 327 (153+174); Nurture – 247

Finances – December 17, 2017

Operating Fund	\$ 10,989.15	Mennonite Education	\$ 1,775.00
Either Fund	\$ 4,705.00	Budget subtotal	\$ 17,469.15
<i>Weekly giving needed to meet budget</i>			<i>\$ 16,372.00</i>
JYF Fundraiser	\$ 1,390.00	Ecuador	\$ 51.92
Least Coin Fund	\$ 15.00	Children's Offering	\$ 3.03
Benin	\$ 1,500.00	Total:	\$ 20,429.10

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

Monday Office Closed
Tuesday Office Closed
Thursday 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayers
7:00 p.m. Choir practice

Looking Ahead

December 31 Sermon: Neil Amstutz; Christmas
(*Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40*)
9:30 a.m. Christmas Brunch, hosted by Bridgebuilders and Gelassenheit classes
December 24 Sermon: Amos Muhagachi; Epiphany
(*Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12*)

Out of Office

Neil Amstutz December 24 – 27 Katie Misz December 26-27, 29-31
Velma Swartz December 26-31 Cindy Voth December 26-31
Janet Shoemaker December 26

Pastoral Team

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