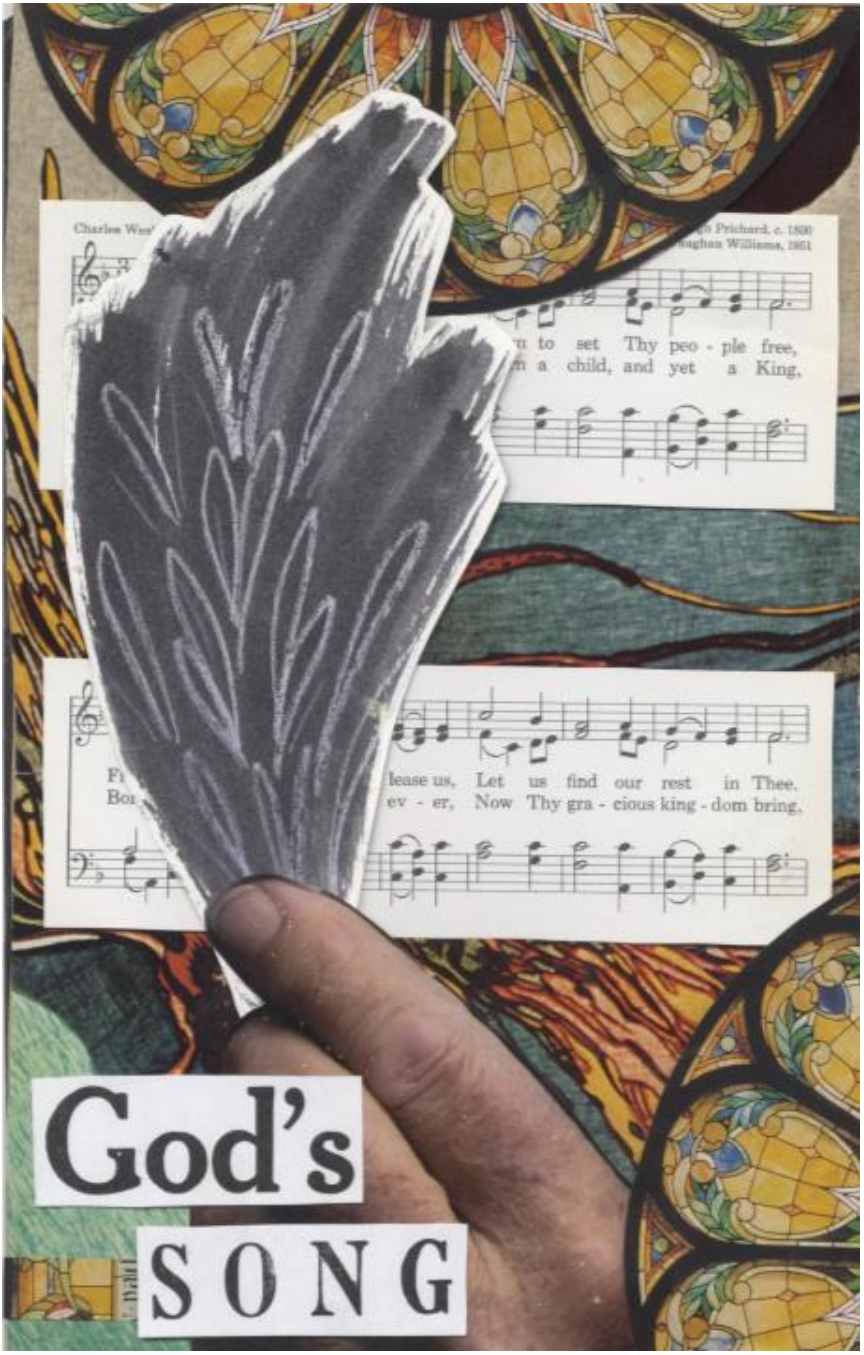

God's SONG

Waterford Mennonite Church

Dare to Imagine
Advent 3: God's song!

December 12, 2021

Prelude		Anne Lehman
Song		Nick Stoltzfus
	Joy to the World	VT 240
	He Came Down	VT 239
Welcome and Call to worship		Jeremy Kauffman
Advent Candle Litany		
Confession and Assurance of Pardon		
Song	*Solemn Stillness, Weary Streets*	VT 276
God's work among us: Enneagram study		Lori Judson
Offering	*Please pass the friendship pads*	
	(Gifts are for Mennonite Education unless designated otherwise)	
Children's time		Mark & Krista Daniels and Revy
Song	*Could It Be That God Is Singing*	VT 42
Scripture	Philippians 4:4-7; Zephaniah 3:14-20;	
Sermon	"Hearing and Joining God's Song"	Cindy Voth
Song of response	*Sing a New World into Being*	VT 809
Pastoral prayer		Deron Bergstresser
Benediction		
Sending song	*You Shall Go Out with Joy*	VT 847

Advent is about waiting; this year about waiting and imagining a future filled with God's good plans for our world. Our peace lamp is one of the ways we keep that imagination alive throughout the year here at Waterford as we dare to imagine peace and justice for those suffering from violence and oppression. Its light shines throughout our service this morning.

Prayers for Brothers and Sisters

LaVera Ressler as she recovers from hip surgery.

We remember this week our *2nd grade student Lena Claassen* and her teachers *Lorna Claassen* and *Cheryl Snyder.*

IN MI Mennonite Conference Chaplains at Goshen Hospital, *Ruben Chupp* and *Anne Mitchell*.

Arnold and Lucille Roth, who will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on December 17.

For *those in our midst with loved ones* affected by the COVID surge.

For a *Mennonite peace witness in the Orodara region of Burkina Faso* where guerilla fighters are making life difficult for people, and for the families of the more than 1,500 people who have died and for the more than 1.3 million displaced people in Burkina Faso.

This week we remember in prayer college student *Levi Graber* who is a sophomore at Goshen College.

For *college students* wrapping up their semesters and for teaching faculty as they prepare semester grades.

Welcome Guests

We are glad to have you join us in worship today. If you have young children, there are sermon boards for children outside the main sanctuary doors; please pick one up as you enter. You may also watch the live-streamed service with others in the pavilion outside. Large print copies of the hymnal and hearing aid systems are available from the ushers. Pick up the newsletter, *Buzz,* from the welcome kiosk in the foyer.

This Week at Waterford

Today	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Nurture hour classes for all ages
	11:30 a.m.	Safe Spaces training / MYF room
	5:30 p.m.	Ecuador prayers / Zoom
Monday	10:30 a.m.	Ecuador Mission Support Team / Zoom
	7:00 p.m.	Ministry Leadership Council / FH
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	MYF
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Worship Ministry Team / FH
Zoom prayers	Monday - 8:30 a.m., Thursday - 8:00 p.m.	

Looking Ahead

December 19: Sermon: Neil Amstutz; Advent 4: God's face
(Psalm 80:1-7; Luke 1:39-55)
December 26: Drama; Christmas: God's robe
(1 Sam. 2:18-20, 26; Psalm 148; Col. 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52)

Last Sunday Attendance: Worship – 150 (+73 virtual devices); Nurture hour – 180

Finances – December 5, 2021

Operating Fund	$ 11,156.00	Mennonite Education	$	4,025.00
Either Fund	$ 3,802.00	***Budget subtotal***	***$***	***18,983.00***
Jubilee Fund	$ 630.00	Sharing Fund	$	125.00
		Total Offering	**$**	**19,738.00**

Out of Office

Katie Misz December 12-15

Pastoral Team

Neil Amstutz, Pastoral Team Leader
Cindy Voth, Pastor of Community Life
Katie Misz, Pastor of Family Life
Deron Bergstresser, Pastor of Senior Ministries

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