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## Epiphany Time for Seeking

## Waterford Mennonite Church

Prelude

January 8, 2023

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| Gathering Songs  | Angels, from the Realms of Glory<br>O Little Town of Bethlehem<br>Here I am to Worship | Vyron Schmidt<br>( <i>vs1,3,4</i> ) VT 265<br>VT 245<br>VT 227 |  |
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| Welcome and Call to worship  |  | JD Smucker   |  |
| Lighting the peace lamp  |  |  |  |
| Song   | See Whose Glory Fills the Skies  | VT 274   |  |
| Children's time  |  | Jerry Landes   |  |
| Offering ( <i>Please pass the friendship pads</i> )<br>(Gifts are for Mennonite Education unless designated otherwise) |  |  |  |
| Song   | As with Gladness   | VT 277   |  |
| Scripture<br>Drama   | Matthew 2:1-12<br>"Born to be King"  | Nick Stoltzfus   |  |
| Sermon   | "The Joy of a Different Road" D  | eron Bergstresser  |  |
| Song of Response   | Solemn Stillness, Weary Streets  | VT 276   |  |
| Sending prayer for Ross Richers Steve Fath   |  |  |  |
| Congregational prayers<br>Update on Carlos Ramos   |  | Rachel Stoltzfus<br>Dave Gingerich                             |  |
| Benediction  |  |  |  |
| Sending song   | As We Rise, O God, to Meet You   | VT 39  |  |

VT = Voices Together; 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.

## Prayers

*Wilmer and Ruth Hollinger*, who will celebrate their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on January 10.

*Cindy and Luke Voth* as Cindy has knee surgery on Thursday. (Cindy will be out of the office from January 12 - 27.)

Barb & Jerry Albrecht as Barb is in rehab after a hip fracture.

Mennonite Mission Network praises God for the 40 SOOP participants who are serving this winter in the Southwest, Southeast or Pennsylvania, including several Waterford couples. Pray that they will be instruments of God's justice, peace and love.

Carl and Barb Westerbeek as Carl has back surgery tomorrow.

*Our congregation* as we begin our "Formation Series on Inclusion" to learn how to live out our recently affirmed Statement of Welcome and Inclusion.

*JE Misz* as he prepares to be the input speaker at the MYF winter camp at Amigo next weekend, and for *our youth* participating in the retreat.

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.

## Welcome Guests

We are glad to have you join us in worship today. Children of all ages are welcome in worship. There are sermon boards for children outside the sanctuary doors; please pick one up as you enter. If desired, there is a nursery available in the west end of the foyer for infants and toddlers. Large print copies of the hymnal and hearing aid systems are available from the ushers. We invite you to stay for our nurture hour. Look for the welcome brochure on the front table in the foyer.

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