

# How Will We Know?



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## What now?

# Waterford Mennonite Church

December 10, 2023

WMC Christmas Orchestra

JD Smucker, director

Gathering songs

Vyron Schmidt

*O Come, All Ye Faithful (vs 1-3)* VT 241

*Angels We Have Heard on High (vs 1-3)* VT 249

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming (vs 1,2)* VT 216

Welcome & greeting each other

Andrew Hartzler

Call to worship

Lighting the peace lamp\*

Offering

Elvina Schmidt, offertory

(Gifts are for Mennonite Education unless designated otherwise)

*Please pass the friendship pad*

Children's time

Mary Hochstedler

Song

*Jesus, Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child* SS 19

Scripture

Mark 1:1-8

Drama

Angela Stoltzfus, Derrick Ramer

Sermon

"Elsa and John: An Unlikely Pair" Cindy Voth

Moment of Silence

Song

*In Christ Alone (vs 1-2,4)* VT 332

Congregational prayer

Deron Bergstresser

Advent Candle Lighting/Benediction

Sending song

*Longing for Light (vs 1-2)* VT 715

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

*Dwight and Carolyn Kauffman* as they remain in Indianapolis.

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for *Alfonsina and José Oyanguren*, as they provide continuity in long-term relationships with the Toba-Qom churches in the Argentine Chaco and encourage the preservation of Indigenous languages and cultures.

That God would empower and protect *Christians in Palestine*.

Prayers for Greencroft Manor II resident, *Joan Walsh*, who is unable to join us for Sunday services.

Pray for the *young leaders participating in YAMEN* (Mennonite Central Committee and Mennonite World Conference's joint exchange program), that they would cultivate friendships and have the energy and curiosity to continue to make connections in their placement location: at church, in the neighborhood and in their work.

Thank you to Derrick and Sara Method for creating the worship visuals during this Advent season.

## 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.

## Our Mission Statement

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.*

We celebrate that everyone is created in God's image, and as followers of Jesus we welcome people of every age, ability, race and ethnicity, sexual orientation, marital status, socio-economic situation, gender identity, and citizenship status as full participants in the life of our congregation.

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