

# How Will We Know?



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# Waterford Mennonite Church

December 3, 2023

Prelude		John Zehr
Gathering songs		Derrick Ramer
	<i>Here in This Place</i>	VT 10
	<i>Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus</i>	VT 218
Welcome & Call to worship		Lyle Miller
Lighting the peace lamp*		
Offering	<i>Please pass the friendship pads</i>	
	(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)	
Children's time		Mary Hochstedler
Song	<i>Poor of the Earth</i>	VT 213
Scripture	Mark 13:24-27; Isaiah 64:1-4	
Drama		Nick Stoltzfus, Bob Brenneman
Sermon	"Waiting for God"	Deron Bergstresser
Moment of Silence		
Song	<i>Nothing Is Lost on the Breath of God</i>	VT 653
Congregational prayer		Cindy Voth
Advent Candle Lighting/Benediction		
Sending song	<i>Longing for Light</i>	VT 715

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

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

*Lenora Coyle*, who celebrates her 97<sup>th</sup> birthday on Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup>, 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.

Pray for the participants in Mennonite Mission Network's Tucson, Arizona, Mennonite Voluntary Service unit — *Nely Cotuc, Hannah Nuest, Ally Weaver, Magdalena Wenger and Deborah Yoder* — as they help extend the ministries of their host congregation, Shalom Mennonite Fellowship, through welcoming immigrants, promoting literacy and working to protect the environment.

New attender, *Amy Zoller*, as she grieves the loss of her brother, Scott.

That *all people* – Jewish, Christian, Muslim – who work for a just peace in the Middle East would be bold and effective.

We remember this week our Wee Wonderer students *Jamie Lehman, Lydia Maust, Amelia Romão, Leah Smeltzer and Lucas Smeltzer*, and their teachers *Phil Habecker, Liz Habecker, Jen Beck and Jordan Graber Kauffman*.

## 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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