

How Will We Know?



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Who Knows?

Waterford Mennonite Church

December 31, 2023

Prelude	Deanna Beth Chupp
Gathering songs	Christa Graber Kauffman
	<i>Infant Holy, Infant Lowly</i> VT 243
	<i>Love Has Come</i> VT 258
	<i>O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem</i> VT 275
Welcome & Call to worship	George Thompson
Lighting the peace lamp*	
Offering	
	(Gifts are for Mennonite Education unless designated otherwise)
	<i>Please pass the friendship pad</i>
Children's Time	Karen Pfahler, Miranda Pfahler
Song	<i>Love Came Down at Christmas</i> VT 255
Scripture	Psalm 148; Luke 2:22-38
Sermon	"Love Knows" Deron Bergstresser
Song of Response	<i>O Come All Ye Faithful</i> VT 241
Congregational prayer	Katie Misz
Advent Candle Lighting/Benediction	
Sending song	<i>Praise God</i> VT 70

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

Wilmer Hollinger, who celebrates his 91st birthday on Monday the 1st, for God's grace and joy to be poured out on him. Join in his celebration by signing a card for him at the table in the foyer.

Although 2023 is ending with much suffering and violence around the world, join Mennonite Mission Network personnel in *proclaiming our hope in Jesus*, who has overcome evil and injustice. May each of us continue to "be the Gospel" wherever we find ourselves.

Peace Community (Detroit) are thankful for the way God has used them to provide basic needs for their community and pray they can continue to be used for God's purposes.

Pray for parts of East Africa, particularly *Tanzania and Kenya*, that have been affected by heavy rains and mudslides; especially for the people who lost family members and homes.

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.

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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