

# How Will We Know?



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# Waterford Mennonite Church

January 7, 2024

Prelude		Shelby Eby
Gathering songs		Worship Ensemble
	<i>As with Gladness</i>	VT 277
	<i>Solemn Stillness, Weary Streets</i>	VT 276
Welcome & Call to worship		Fancheon Resler
Lighting the peace lamp*		Neer Goswami
Children's Time		Deron Bergstresser
Offering	<i>Please pass the friendship pads</i>	
	(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)	
Song	<i>Bring Many Names</i>	VT 134
Scripture	Isaiah 60:1-6 Matthew 2:1-12	Angel Miranda, Fancheon
Drama		Eliza Method, Lydia Voth
Sermon	"Rise and Shine"	Katie Misz
Sacred Word		
Song of Response	<i>Arise, Your Light Has Come</i>	VT 273
Congregational prayer		Deron Bergstresser
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>Siyahamba</i>	VT 793

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 71<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary on January 10.

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for *Lora Nafziger and Mitch Rhodes*, who began a three-year assignment in September with United Mission to Nepal (UMN), working from the United States. Pray for this family, as Lora, Mitch and two of their four sons take up residence in Kathmandu, Nepal, this month.

For our *JYF and MYF* who will be participating in Winter Youth Retreat at Amigo next weekend, and for Colton Eby as he leads the winter camp.

*Palestinians* who are facing starvation, disease, and displacement due to war during these winter months.

<p>Thank you to Derrick and Sara Method for creative worship visual during the Advent season!</p>
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## **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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