

Together on the Journey

Advent 1



Tom Gainor, Unsplash

Between a Rock and a Hard Place

Waterford Mennonite Church

December 1, 2024

Prelude		Esther Rose Graber
Gathering songs		JD Smucker
	<i>Come, Now Is the Time to Worship</i>	VT 29
	<i>O Come, O Come, Immanuel</i>	VT 210
	<i>How Many Times We Start Again</i>	VT 553
Welcome and Call to worship		Lyle Miller, Ethan Claassen
Lighting the Advent Candles		
Offering	<i>Please pass the friendship pads</i>	
	(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)	
Children's time		Karl & Ginny Birky
	<i>God, Give Me Faith like a Child</i>	VT 519
Song	<i>Unless a Grain of Wheat</i>	VT 302
Readers theatre	(from Daniel 6:6-27)	
Sermon	"What Is in Your Cup?"	Cindy Voth
Song of response	<i>Far Above the Noise of Life</i>	VT 625
Children's offering invitation		Lena Claassen
Congregational prayer & Lighting the Peace Lamp*		Deron Bergstresser
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>We Will Walk with God</i>	VT 815

Thank you to Zoë Brown and Layna Stoltzfus for creating the worship visuals for Advent.

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 98th birthday on Thursday the 5th, 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.

For *Ann Arbor Mennonite Church*, a small congregation, to continue to share God's boundless love in our community regardless of the outcome.

We remember this week our Wee Wonderer students *Lydia Maust, Amelia Romão* and *Lucas Smeltzer* and their teachers *Kay Miller* and *Denise Diener*.

Today, Mennonite Mission Network's Anchorage (Alaska) Service Adventure unit is participating in a community performance of Handel's *Messiah*. Pray for leader *Samir Knego* and participants *Samuel Landis, Briana Nyveldt, Armando Perez* and *Aviva Setiawan* as they worship and share the good news of Jesus' birth, ministry and salvation offered to all people.

Those who are unable to attend Sunday services from Greencroft Healthcare: *Ruth Hollinger, Dave Leatherman, Jane Lehman, Carol Leinbach, Gladys Mast, Jean Oyer, Eloise Schrock, and Joan Walsh*.

We pray with *Sara Theus* and *Rachel Stoltzfus* for their family and friends living in Haiti amidst the ongoing gang violence.

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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