

Together on the Journey

Epiphany



The Boy Jesus in the Temple by He Qi

Nurturing Faith

Waterford Mennonite Church

January 5, 2025

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| Prelude | | Lorraine Reinford |
| Gathering songs | | Colleen Stoltzfus |
| | <i>Arise, Your Light Is Come!</i> | VT 273 |
| | <i>Angels, from the Realms of Glory</i> | VT 265 |
| | <i>O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem</i> | VT 275 |
| Welcome & Call to Worship | | Mark Daniels, Zeke Ramer |
| Lighting the Advent Candles | | |
| Offering | <i>Please pass the friendship pads</i> | |
| | (Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise) | |
| Children's time | | Jerry Landes |
| | <i>God, Give Me Faith like a Child</i> | VT 519 |
| Song | <i>How Many Times We Start Again</i> | VT 553 |
| Scripture | Luke 2:41-52 | |
| Sermon | | Katie Misz |
| Song of Response | <i>Solemn Stillness, Weary Streets</i> | VT 276 |
| Lighting the Peace Lamp* | | |
| Congregational prayer | | Cindy Voth, JoLee Stoltzfus |
| Benediction | | |
| Sending song | <i>Dona nobis pacem</i> | VT 707 |

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 72nd wedding anniversary on January 10.

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the *Nigeria Mennonite Church and the Nigeria Anabaptist Peace Center*, as they work for peaceful communities in their multi-cultural context, where Muslim-Christian relations are often challenging.

We pray for members at Greencroft Evergreen who are unable to join us for Sunday services: *Cora Askren, Ann Burkholder, and Wilmer Hollinger*.

Pray that *Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship* may discern how best to live into the call to be Christ's loving, healing, caring presence to people who feel targeted or abandoned by national, state, and community leaders.

We pray *in remembrance of one another* so that God's love, Jesus' testimony, and the grace and power of the Holy Spirit help us to work daily toward reconciliation among people and with our creator.

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

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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