

The Book of James



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Waterford Mennonite Church

September 28, 2025

Prelude Elvina Schmidt

Gathering songs Vyron Schmidt

Come, Christians, Join to Sing VT 28

See Whose Glory Fills the Skies VT 274

Welcome & Call to Worship Lacy Stoltzfus, Krista Daniels

Worship Arts and Moment of Reflection

Lighting the peace lamp*

Song *True Evangelical Faith*

Offering *Please pass the friendship pads*
(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)

Children's time Christa Graber Kauffman

Song *God, Give Me Faith like a Child (v.1)* VT 519

Recitation of the Book of James Deron Bergstresser

Moment of Reflection

Song of Response *The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound* VT 392

Congregational Prayer Cindy Voth

Benediction

Sending song *All Will Be Well* VT 586

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

For *Ed and Sharon Swartzendruber* as they prepare to move to Manor !V at Greencroft; and for them following the loss of Ed's sister, Carolyn Nafziger, who died September 19 in Tremont, Illinois.

Pray that Mennonite Mission Network's *Mennonite Voluntary Service participants in San Francisco, California* — Bella Kephart, Keyan Krabill, Emmi Scott and Ana Esperanza Neufeld Weaver — will build good rhythms of life, as they learn to live as a household, adjust to their service assignments and integrate into their host congregation, First Mennonite Church of San Francisco.

We remember this week our 9th grade students *Logan Beck, Hannah Claassen, Zeke Ramer, Layna Stoltzfus* and *Susanna Stutzman*, and their teachers *Phil Habecker, Liz Habecker, Brent Beck, Dave Gingerich* and *Lorene Miller*.

Pray for *Benton Mennonite* as they continue to walk together, pursuing God's peace at the river and at the table.

Thank you to Loanne Harms for the visuals for this worship series on James.

Thank you to Colin Berkey for providing the reflection music following the sermon.

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.

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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