

Be Amazed!

First Sunday of Advent



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Hope in the Furnace

Waterford Mennonite Church

November 30, 2025

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| Prelude | Lorraine Reinford | |
| Gathering songs | Bob Brenneman | |
| | <i>O Come, O Come, Immanuel</i> (v. 1,2,4,7) | VT 210 |
| | <i>Hear the Turmoil of the Nations</i> | VT 201 |
| | <i>Beauty for Brokenness</i> | VT 712 |
| Introductory Scripture | Mark Daniels, Zeke Ramer | |
| Welcome & Call to Worship | | |
| Song | <i>Comfort, Comfort, O My People</i> | VT 212 |
| Offering | <i>Please pass the friendship pads</i> | |
| | (Gifts are for Mennonite Education unless designated otherwise) | |
| Children’s time | Fancheon Resler | |
| | <i>God, Give Me Faith like a Child</i> (v.2) | VT 519 |
| Lighting the Advent Candle | | |
| Song | <i>Come, Hope of the World</i> | vs. 1 |
| Scripture | Daniel 3:13-18; Habakkuk 3:17-18 | |
| Sermon | “I’ll Bring the Marshmallows” | Cindy Voth |
| Song of Response | <i>There’s a Wild Hope in the Wind</i> | VT 828 |
| Pastoral Prayer | Deron Bergstresser | |
| Benediction | | |
| Sending song | <i>Move in Our Midst</i> | VT 827 |

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 99th birthday on Friday, December 5, 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.

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for *Jonah and Memee Yang*, as they offer trainings in Southeast Asia that focus on discipleship, equipping youth and families, and holistic community building.

We remember this week our Kindergarten students *Felix Weaver Martens* and *Amelia Romão*, and their teachers *Shelley Kauffman*, *Anne Lehman*, *Jordan Kauffman* and *Karen Thompson*.

Please pray for wisdom and clarity, grace and courage for IMMC Credentialed Leaders in Higher Education as they provide guidance, formation, and support to college and seminary students: *David Boshart*, *Randy Detweiler*, *Paula Killough*, *James Krabill*, *David Miller*, *Grant Miller*, *Allan Rudy-Froese*, *Daniel Schipani*, *Jen Shenk*, *Teresa Sherrill*, *Bob Yoder*

For the *Goshen Jr. High School community* as they grieve the unexpected death of an 8th grade student.

Thank you to Loanne Harms and Kathy Miller for creating the worship visual for this Advent Season.

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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