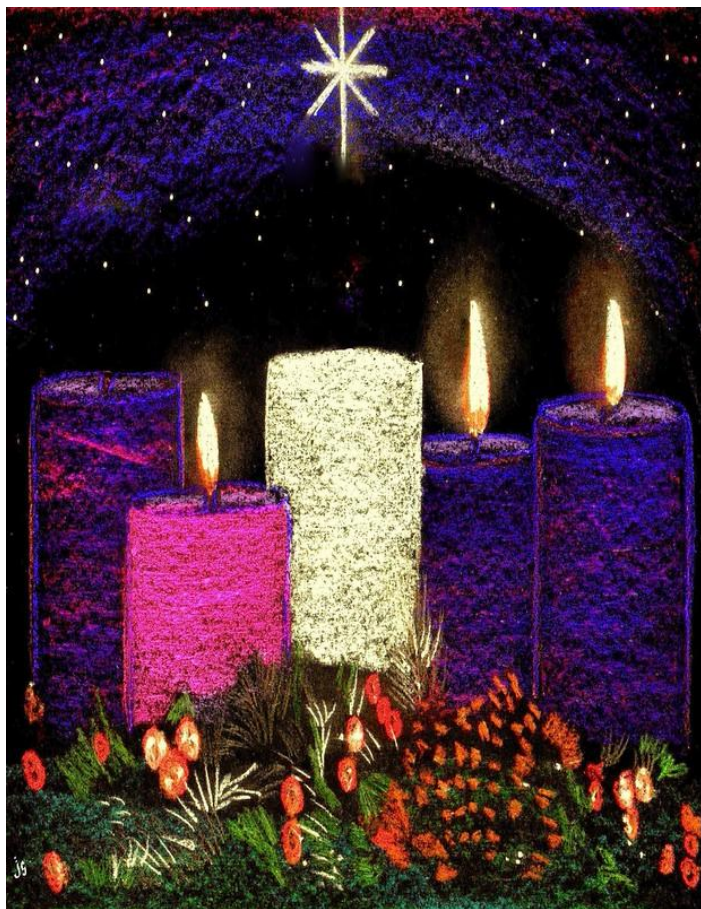


Be Amazed!

Third Sunday of Advent



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Joy in the Desert

Waterford Mennonite Church

December 14, 2025

Prelude Christmas Orchestra; JD Smucker, director

Gathering songs Vyron & Elvina Schmidt

O Come, All Ye Faithful (v. 1-3) VT 241

Angels We Have Heard on High (v. 1-3) VT 249

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming (v. 1-2) VT 216

Introductory Scripture Deron Bergstresser

Welcome & Call to Worship

Offering *Please pass the friendship pads*
(Gifts are for Mennonite Education unless designated otherwise)

Passing the Peace

Lighting the Advent Candle
Song *Come, Hope of the World*

Congregational Prayer

Wee Wonderers "Jingle Jingle Happy Bells"
"Away in a Manger"

Children's Musical "That Starry Night"
What Child is This/ Helpless and Hungry (v. 1,3) VT 267/268
O Little Town of Bethlehem
Away in a Manger
Gloria VT 94
The First Noel
Silent Night

Benediction Katie Misz

VT = Voices Together; SJ = *Sing the Journey*; SS = *Sing the Story*

Prayers

Arnold and Lucille Roth, who will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on December 17.

Herb and Fancheon Resler, who will celebrate their 61st wedding anniversary on December 19.

For *Caleb and Stephanie Schrock-Hurst*, as they prepare to serve at Mennonite Christian Hospital in Taiwan through Mennonite Mission Network and Virginia Mennonite Missions.

We remember this week our Nursery students *Lucy Maust and Poppy Maust*.

Give thanks with *Cora Askren* as she returns to her apartment after some time in rehab at Green Croft healthcare. Cora appreciates prayer in this transition.

Pray for *Douglas Graber* as he waits for results of recent medical tests.

Thank you to Loanne Harms, Kathy Miller, and Mark Daniels for creating the different elements of our worship visuals 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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