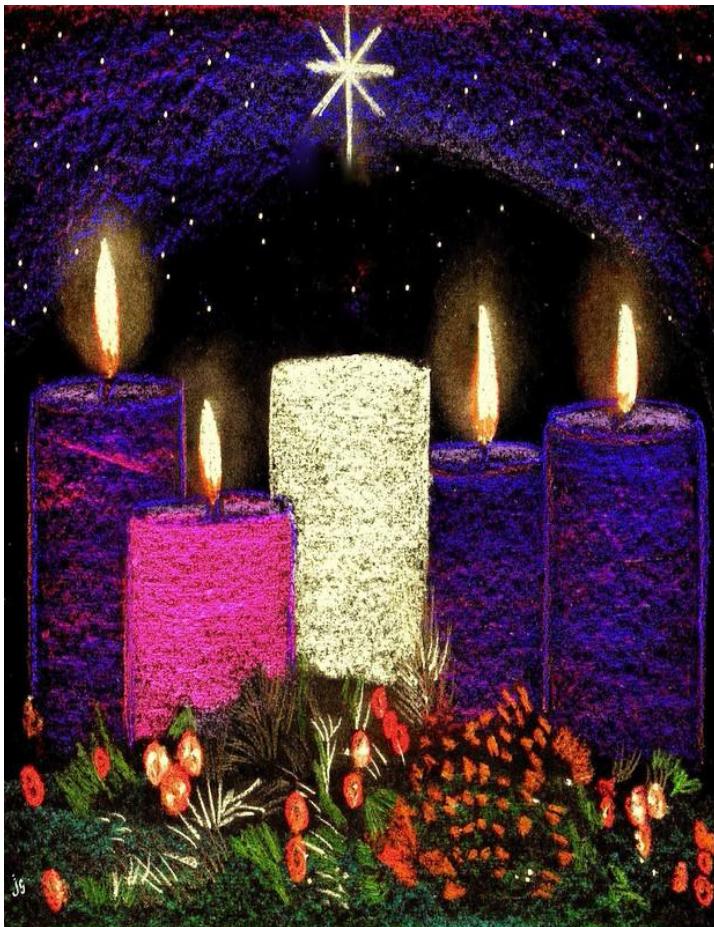


Be Amazed!

Fourth Sunday of Advent



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**Love Comes Down
Longest Night**

Waterford Mennonite Church

December 21, 2025

Prelude		John Zehr
Gathering songs		JD Smucker
	<i>Angels from the Realms of Glory</i>	VT 265
	<i>Go Tell It on the Mountain</i>	VT 252
	<i>See Whose Glory Fills the Skies</i>	VT 274
Introductory Scripture	John 1:1-5, 10, 14	Lee Pfahler
Welcome & Call to Worship		Cindy Voth
Song	<i>Love Has Come</i>	VT 258
Offering	<i>Please pass the friendship pads</i> (Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)	
Children's time		Katie Misz
Song	<i>"God, Give Me Faith like a Child" (v.3)</i>	VT 519
Lighting the Advent Candle		Sara and Jasper Method
Song	<i>Come, Hope of the World</i>	
Shortest Day/Longest Night Ritual		Cindy Voth
Scripture	Isaiah 43:1; 45:2-3	Cynthia Bontrager
Song	<i>Joyful Is the Dark</i>	VT 281
Poem by Rev. Sarah Speed		Helen Bowman, Anne Lehman
Lighting of 5 Candles*, Silence		
	Song: <i>Confitemini Domino</i>	VT 52
Scripture	Isaiah 43:1; 45:2-3	
Congregational Prayer		
	<i>O Come, O Come, Immanuel (v. 3-4,6-7)</i>	VT 210
Benediction		
Sending Song	<i>Solemn Stillness</i>	VT 272

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

*Lorna Claassen, Jerry Albrecht, Jim Gascho, George Thompson, Rita Herrmann

Prayers

Bob and Rachel Brenneman, who will celebrate their 61st wedding anniversary on December 24.

For Mennonite Mission Network's Mennonite *Voluntary Service and Service Adventure volunteers* during the Christmas holidays—for those traveling home for Christmas, and those who will celebrate their first Christmas away from their families.

Elmer and Deloris Wyse, who will celebrate their 61st wedding anniversary on December 26.

For wise discernment for *Hopewell Mennonite Church* in Kouts as they identify goals for 2026.

Thank you to Loanne Harms, Kathy Miller, and Mark Daniels for creating the different elements of our worship visuals for this Advent Season and for decorating the sanctuary.

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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