



Waterford Mennonite Church

Fruit of the Spirit: Patience

October 18, 2026

Prelude	Deanna Beth Chupp
Gathering songs	Bob Brenneman
	<i>Spirit of God! Descend (v. 1-4)</i> VT 557
	<i>In the Bulb There Is a Flower</i> VT 670
	<i>Be Still, My Soul</i> VT 664
Welcome & Call to worship	Sheldon Swartz
Lighting the peace lamp*	
Offering	<i>Please pass the friendship pads</i> (Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)
Children's time	Lowell Stoltzfus
Song	<i>God, Give Me Faith like a Child (v.3)</i> VT 519
Song	<i>The Fruit of the Spirit's Not a Coconut</i>
Scripture	Mark 4:26-29; Matthew 13:24-30
Sermon	"Wait for the Turtle" Deron Bergstresser
Song of response	<i>God, Be the Love</i> VT 43
Congregational prayer	Cindy Voth
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 violent and unnecessary loss of life around the world.

Prayers

Esther Rose Graber, who celebrates her 96th birthday on Friday, October 23, 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.

We remember this week our 6th grade students *Clara Kauffman*, *LeAnna Schmucker*, *Jeremiah Voth*, *Lydia Voth*, and *Sean Zimmerman*, and their teachers *Nick Stoltzfus*, *Rosanna Kauffmann*, *Fancheon Resler* and *Tyler Kronk*.

For *Karen Thompson*, who fell early this week and fractured her clavicle and cracked a rib; and for *George* as he takes care of her.

Dale and Leanne Wentorf, who have moved to Redbud Court.

Zack Olin and Christina Herrmann, daughter of Jason and Rita, as they are married on Saturday, and for *Pastor Cindy* as she officiates.

<p><i>Thank you to Melissa Chupp for providing the cover art for today's bulletin.</i></p>
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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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