

GOODNESS

Waterford Mennonite Church

Fruit of the Spirit: Goodness

November 1, 2026

Prelude Lorraine Reinford

Gathering songs Colleen Stoltzfus

Summoned by the God Who Made Us VT 1

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship VT 25

Lord, I Am Fondly, Earnestly Longing VT 555

Welcome & Call to worship Krista Daniels

Lighting the peace lamp*

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

All Saints Day Remembrance

Song *Sing with All the Saints in Glory* SS 92

Scripture Matthew 7:15-20

Sermon “What Is Good?” Deron Bergstresser

Song of response *Let There Be Light* VT 714

Congregational prayer Ursula Hess

Benediction

Sending song *God Who Touches Earth with Beauty* VT 550

Thank you to Jordan Kauffman for providing the cover art for today's bulletin.

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

We pray for our 4th grade student *Micah Romão* and his teachers *Marge Gingerich, Ben Hochstedler, Mary Hochstedler* and *Paquita Ditzler*.

For *Pastor Cindy* as she participates this week in a conference on Generational Enneagram.

For a *peaceful election day* in our nation this week.

We give thanks for the 30 active mentoring pairs at Waterford. We pray for newly-formed pairs: *Miles Gillette & Rod Hollinger-Janzen, Hannah Claassen & Cynthia Bontrager, Clara Kauffman & Cheryl Zehr, Jeremiah Voth & JE Misz, Sean Zimmerman & Jason Kauffman, Javi Stoltzfus & Gilberto Pérez*.

We remember those who are unable to attend Sunday services from Greencroft Healthcare: *Cora Askren, Ruth Hollinger, and Carol Leinbach*; and for *Rosina Litwiller* as she adjusts to her move to Healthcare (Vista 225).

For the *thousands of Palestinians in the West Bank* who have been driven from their homes and land in the past week as the Israeli government embarks on a campaign of ethnic cleansing.

For our *MYF* on Fall Retreat today at Quaker Haven Camp.

For *Steve Ditzler* as he has a hernia procedure this Thursday.

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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