

A stylized sun with a white center, surrounded by concentric circles in shades of orange and yellow. Radiating lines of varying lengths extend from the sun, some ending in multiple parallel lines. The background consists of broad, overlapping diagonal stripes in shades of yellow and purple.

**RESTORATION**

is

*Near*

**Prepare the  
Way of the Lord**

Second Sunday of Advent

# Faith Mennonite Church

December 04, 2022

10:30 AM

## Prelude

*Still, Still, Still*

Arr. Gerald Anderson

*What Child is This?*

Arr. Mona Williams Coalter

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

Arr. Marilyn & Meryl Ham

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Arr. Mona Williams Coalter

Marlene Habegger & Lisa Schmidt

Matthew 3:1-3a *Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord!* (sing three times) VT 219

Welcome

Peace Prayer

## Call to Worship

Leader: A branch shall come forth from the stump of Jesse;  
Its root shall bear fruit.

**People: May we be ready, O Lord, ready to be fruit bearers of  
your harvest, bringing forth the fruit of dwelling,  
longing, unity, and peace.**

Leader: Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.

**People: Renew our spirit, stand as a banner before us, bright  
as morning glory.**

Leader: Prepare the way for new life that emerges in and through  
you, life that ripples out to your people, into all nations.

**ALL: In you there is glorious rest.**

## Candle-lighting Liturgy

Leader: John the Baptist proclaimed,

“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

**People: Prepare the way of the Lord,  
Make God’s paths straight**

*Candle lighting*

Leader: As we prepare, we light this candle as a sign of peace.

**People: Bring your restoration to your people, we pray.**

Opening Prayer

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

VT 218

*Poor of the Earth*

VT 213

Isaiah 11:1-10

Children’s Time

*Carol of the Bells/We Three Kings*

Arr. Bryce Inman

Marlene Habegger & Lisa Schmidt

Prayer for our offerings  
*O Come, O Come, Immanuel*

VT 210

Matthew 1:1-17  
Sermon  
*God Made from One Blood*

Pastor Kristine  
VT 523

Transition Moment  
*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*  
Blessing

VT 216

**Postlude**

*Mary's Baby (Christmas Medley)*  
Marlene Habegger & Lisa Schmidt

Arr. Marilynn Ham

Please pass the friendship sheets.

VT = Voices Together STJ = Green Song Book STS = Purple Song Book  
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**\*In lieu of passing an offering plate, there are many ways to give. There is a container in the back of the sanctuary as one option. There is a giving button on our community website and USPS also delivers to us.**

*\*\*This service is streamed live. There will be a pause while the stream is switched from the public to the unlisted (private) stream for our congregational sharing, prayer, and announcements.*

**If you are unable to stand please remain seated.**

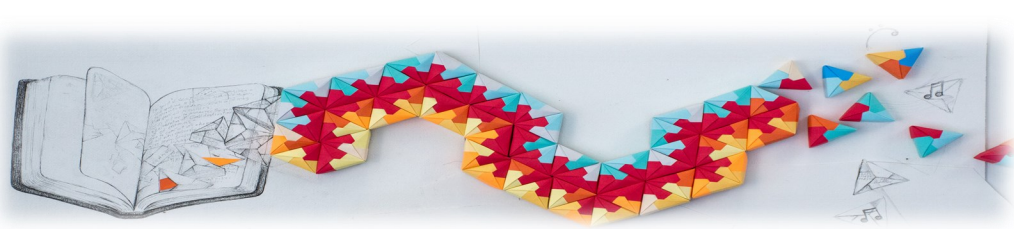
**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

*Pastors..... Kristine Regehr  
.....Rose Marie Zook Barber  
Worship Leader..... Deb Schmidt  
Song Leader.....Janet Ediger  
Accompanist.....Marlene Habegger  
Children's Story.....Tammy Plank*

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Sound..... Caleb Garber  
Projection .....  
Ushers.... Wendell Banman & Byron Ediger  
Greeters..Janet Lubbers & Darlene Powers*

***Welcome*** to Faith Mennonite Church! We are glad you are here.  
***Faith Mennonite Church embraces as a gift the diversity  
of our community and our world.***

***Please check out the bulletin board in the foyer for all area events.***



***This Week*** (12/05/2022—12/11/2022)

**MONDAY:**

6:30 PM Mission Circle Christmas Banquet

**TUESDAY:**

6:00 PM Board of Worship

**WEDNESDAY:**

8:00 pm Adult Choir Practice

**SUNDAY: Angle Tree items due**

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship Service

***Looking Ahead:***

12/19 Caregivers Support Group—4 PM

12/24 Christmas Eve Service—6 PM

Please have all bulletin  
announcements and calendar items  
to the office by Wednesday Noon.

***Thanks!***

***Attendance for 11/27/022: 73***



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