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November 27, 2022

First Sunday of Advent

Watch: The day is almost here

Prelude

Sylvia Gallian

Welcome

Lil Quanz

Isaiah 2:2-5

Keep watch! Pay attention.

God's majesty stands tall like the highest of mountains!

God's wisdom is vast and wonderful, mediating divisions
between all peoples!

God's peace is so great that in it no sword or spear can
prevail!

Yet God's reign comes upon us like a thief in the night:
unexpected, mysterious, and inconvenient.

So keep watch.

Waiting. Seeking. Hoping.

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Song VT 91 We Praise Thee O God

Candle Lighting

Floyd & Pat Gerber

Watch! You know what time it is, how it is now the moment
for you to wake from sleep.

The night is far gone, the day is near.

As we watch, we light this candle as a sign of our hope.
Bring your restoration to your people, we pray

Song

VT 212 Comfort, Comfort, O My People

Scripture

Matthew 24:36–44; Romans 13:11–14

Sermon

Susan Allison-Jones

Song of Response

VT 590 I Know Not Why God's

Wondrous Love

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Christmas Carols

VT 247 Hark the Herald Angels Sing

VT 250 The First Noel

Sending

May you go out in hope, waiting and watching and living for the
day of the Lord to draw near.

Postlude

**Worship Resources for Advent are from the Leader Magazine
and from Micah Peters Unrah.*

Advent Worship Services - Restoration is Near

Nov 27 - Watch The day is almost here - Susan Allison Jones
Isaiah 2:1–5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11–14; Matthew 24:36–44

Dec 4 - Prepare the way of the Lord - Susan Allison Jones
Isaiah 11:1–10; Psalm 72:1–7, 18–19; Romans 15:4–13;
Matthew 3:1–12

Dec 11 Tell what you hear and see - Susan Allison Jones
Isaiah 35:1–10; Psalm 146:5–10; James 5:7–10; Matthew
11:2-11

Dec 18 - Do not be afraid Bob Thaler
Isaiah 7:10–16; Psalm 80:1–7, 17–19; Romans 1:1–7;
Matthew 1:18–25

Dec 24 - Christmas eve service at 7:00pm

Upcoming Events

Tuesday morning Quilting & Matt Weaving 9:00 am

Nov 27 Annual Meeting (after worship)
Pizza Lunch

Dec 4 Fellowship Time (after worship)

Dec 13 Tuesday Lunch (with Christmas Carols)

Prayer Requests:

Dorothy Schwartzentuber passed away on Tuesday. Please give thanks for Dorothy's long and faithful life. Also keep the family in your prayers as they grieve the loss of their mom and plan the funeral. The funeral will be on Monday, Nov.28th at Steinmann's.

Carol Barton's grandson Steve had surgery at Toronto General for a heart and liver transplant. Carol sends her thanks for all of our prayers and asks for continued prayers during these critical days. Please pray for a successful recovery for Steven.

Please keep Lois Lantz in your prayers. Lois is experiencing more health challenges and needs more assistance in everyday tasks and activities. Pray also for her niece-in-law Yvonne as she helps Lois to make decisions.

Doris Duncan will be moving from Freeport to Highland Place while she is waiting for a space in a long term care facility. Please pray for Doris during this time of transition.

Congregational Notes:

The annual meeting will take place today Sunday Nov 27 following worship. The report book is in your mailbox. Plan to stay for a pizza lunch.

Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board if you plan to be at the Christmas Tuesday lunch on Dec. 13. Carol Weickert will be providing a programme of Christmas Carols.

Beyond The Congregation:

MCC: Wanted - sewing machines!

Would you like to contribute to a local Indigenous organization in a meaningful way? MCC partner Crow Shield Lodge is looking for sewing machines to create traditional ribbon skirts. Contact Rebecca Seiling at 226-750-9118 or rebeccaseiling@mcco.ca if you have a machine to donate or lend.

Resistance: Confronting Violence, Power, and Abuse within Peace Churches | Tuesday, November 29, 2022

A virtual book launch presented by Professor Carol Penner, featuring interview clips from book contributors including storytellers, academics, poets, administrators, students, activists and pastors. Q&A to follow. Register at uwaterloo.ca/grebel/resistance-book

The Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir is excited to present: Glory, Glory! on Sunday December 11 at 3:00 pm at St. Jacobs Mennonite Church. Join us as we sing songs that celebrate the wondrous events of Christmas. Tickets are \$12 for Adults and \$5 for children ages 5 to 8. Please order your tickets here: <https://bit.ly/22ChristmasTickets>.

Let's Talk Sustainable Investing

Do the terms ESG, Divestment, Sustainable or Socially Responsible Investing mean anything to you? If not, have no fear! The **Nith Valley EcoBoosters** are hosting a free webinar entitled: Let's Talk - Sustainable Investing 101 on Wednesday, December 7th, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m to demystify these terms and discuss how to make intentional decisions about where we are investing our money. The keynote speaker, Tim Nash, is an expert in personal finance, sustainable investing, and the green economy. He is the founder and President of Good Investing, a firm that provides independent investment coaching to those seeking to better align their portfolios with their values. No prior investment knowledge is necessary to attend this webinar!

Registration info at

<https://www.nvecoboosters.com/Upcoming-Events/>

John B. Miller & Friends gratefully share their concert, *I Will Sing and Make Music for the Lord: Songs of Advent and the Birth of Christ*. It is an opportunity for peaceful reflection and worship, an oasis from the rush of the season at Shantz Mennonite Church, Sat. Dec 10 at 7:00 pm. A \$20 donation at the door is appreciated to support the musicians.

Menno Singers and artistic director Brandon Leis present a Service of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, Dec 11 at 7:30pm at Trillium Lutheran Church (22 Willow St, Waterloo). Admission by donation.

Protocols We wish to create a safe environment for people to gather together in our building. We invite all to enter into this new way of being community together with gratitude to our God that we can adapt to new ways of being a faithful community. We ask that you are mindful of these protocols.. As with other public spaces in our community we invite you to enter into the space in ways that you are comfortable with and that respect others. If you have concerns please talk to a member of the protocol committee.

Ministry Team Leaders:

Ministry Coordinator & Facilities – John Good

Worship and Formation – Lil Quanz

Fellowship – Fern Good, Marcia Kastner, Susan Wagler

Pastoral Care, Missions and Service - All members

Member at Large (Ministry Team) - Ross Shantz

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Church Office Hours: Edna will be in the office Tuesday and Thursday (9:30- 1:30). Please have all bulletin announcements in no later than Wednesday..