



December 10, 2017

WELCOME TO GERMANTOWN MENNONITE CHURCH

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GATHERING

Welcome

Melissa Berkey Gerard

Prelude

Blues Band

PRAISING

*Call to Worship

Melissa Berkey Gerard

One: The God who speaks comfort to us calls us here.

All: The God who whispers to us with tenderness meets us here.

One: The God who guides us with gentleness cares for us here.

All: We come to prepare a way for Love's advent.

One: We come to ready ourselves for the transformation of our lives.

All: For the glory of God will be revealed, and all people will see it, together.

*Congregational Singing

Blues Band

STS 118 - Keep Your Lamp Trimmed

HWB 191 - O Little Town of Bethlehem

*Passing the Peace

Please offer a sign of peace to your neighbors and welcome them to our time together.

Welcome of Guests

We invite guests to fill out a welcome card found in the sleeve on the inside of your hymnal and drop it into the offering basket at offering time.

CONFESSING

Confession—What are you finding in the stillness?

You are invited to come forward and write your answer to the prompt on a sheet of origami paper and put them in the basket at the front.

Congregational Singing

Be Still My Soul (see bulletin insert)

OFFERING

Please come forward as you are able to offer your gifts to God. Our Special Offering Our special offering during November and December goes to Restorative Encounters, a non-profit association offering resources and training in restorative practices based on the values and principles of restorative justice. Food offering for Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry may be placed in the baskets on the floor.

Offering

Offertory

Blues Band

Prayer

PROCLAIMING

Children's Time

Jennifer Brinkmeier

Children under the age of five are welcome to go downstairs for nursery. Children over five are

welcome to play quietly upstairs or join others in worship.

Special Music

Advent Choir

"While Shepherds Watched their Flocks"

Este's Psalter, 1592 Words by Nahum Tate, Harmonized by T. Ravenscroft

Scripture: Luke 2: 8-20

Scripture: Isaiah 40:1-11

Sermon

Amy Yoder McGloughlin

Congregational Singing

Blues Band

HWB 172 - O Come O Come Immanuel

SHARING

Sharing

All are welcome to reflect on the service and to bring joys, struggles, and other prayer concerns before God and our church community. Please wait until an usher brings you a microphone, state your name, joy or petition, and conclude with "God of Grace" and all may respond "Hear our prayer."

Prayer

SENDING

Announcements

*Congregational Singing

Blues Band

STJ 106 - Just A Closer Walk

*Benediction

Following the service all are welcome downstairs for a time of fellowship and light snacks.

Today's Trustee is Jon Kauffman

Today's Hospitality Hosts are Rebecca Kreider & Bethany Flood

Today's Greeters are Trish Murzyn & Reba McGloughlin

Today's Rug Supervisor is David Krueger

Nursery is provided by Mary Wilkinson & Gina Burkholder

**please stand as you are able*

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Dec 17, 2017

Worship Leader: Jonathan Landis
Speaker: Youth Program
Song Leader: Teri Gemberling-Johnson
Prelude/Offertory: John Bergen
Trustee: Joe Murzyn
Hospitality: Caitlin VanderWindt & Reba McGloughlin
Nursery: Gina Burkholder
Rug Duty: Michelle Bruhn
Greeters: Susan Barholomew & Anna Hoover

Dec 24, 2017

Worship Leader: Amy Yoder McGloughlin
Speaker: Amy Yoder McGloughlin
Song Leader: Charlie McGloughlin
Prelude/Offertory: Charlie McGloughlin
Children's Time: Ken Roberts
Trustee: Charlie McGloughlin
Hospitality: Caitlin VanderWindt & Reba McGloughlin
Nursery: TBD
Rug Duty: TBD
Greeters: Charlie Miller & Mary Crauderueff

LOOKING AHEAD

Dec 16	Kid's Club, 5 pm-7 pm
Dec 18	Longest Night/Blue Christmas Service at First UM Church of Germantown, 7 pm
Dec 20	Lunchtime Reflections, 12 pm
Dec 24	Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols, 7 pm
Dec 25	Merry Christmas!

Our congregation adopted a child protection policy in 2014, designed to create a culture of sanctuary and openness for all of us. Our policy states the following: All interactions between young people and adults must be visible to others and young people between 5-12 must use a "buddy system." The responsibility of child protection is on all of us. If you have any concerns about safety, you can reach out to Karla Hernandez-Thut (karlathut@gmail.com, 215-280-2118); or John Bergen (john@germantownmennonite.org, 316-803-7868). A copy of the policy is available outside the church office.