



November 26, 2017

WELCOME TO GERMANTOWN MENNONITE CHURCH

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GATHERING

Welcome

Amy Yoder McGloughlin

Prelude *For Love Divine*

Cyril and Felicia Johnston

Words and Music written by Cyril Johnston

Cello accompaniment written by Felicia B. Johnson

PRAISING

*Call to Worship

Amy Yoder McGloughlin

One: With our lives scattered on the floor of the world, our limits pushed by stress and its companion, impatience, we come:

All: For here, God, you gather us, bringing us to the realm of peace.

One: Wondering if truth is fake or worth pursuing, questioning whether anyone is worth following or believing, we come:

All: For here, God, you feed us with wisdom, and send the One who will lead us to the realm of hope.

One: Questioning the motives of everyone in power, doubting that justice can be found anywhere, we come:

All: For here, God, you bring us to worship, scooping us up from every place we have strayed. AMEN.

*Congregational Singing

Douglas Witmer

*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 & AFFIRMING

Confession & Affirmation Ritual

All are invited to confess their need for God and affirm the Spirit's presence in their life by coming to the center of the worship space and sharing a way God has shown up for them recently.

*Congregational Singing

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

Willem McGloughlin

Prayer

PROCLAIMING

Children's Time

Amy Yoder McGloughlin

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.

Congregational Singing

Scripture: Jeremiah 31:31-37

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Sermon

Jonathan Landis

Congregational Singing

Affirmation of Our Congregational Covenant

**We affirm our covenant with each other,
as we renew our own covenant with God:
to bear each other's burdens,
to assist in times of need,
to share our gifts and possessions,
to forgive as Christ has forgiven us,
to support each other in joy and sorrow,
and in all things to work for the common good,
making known Christ's presence among us.
As we unite with each other now,
may we all be joined with Christ, our Lord.**

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

*Benediction

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

Today's Trustee is Charlie McGloughlin

Today's Hospitality Hosts are Shari Willis & Rebecca Kreider

Today's Greeters are Charlie Miller & Mary Crauderueff

Today's Rug Supervisor is David Krueger

Nursery is provided by Gina Burkholder

**please stand as you are able*

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Dec 3, 2017

Worship Leader: Douglas Brunk
Speaker: Charlie Miller
Song Leader: Teri Gemberling-Johnson
Prelude/Offertory: John Bergen
Children's Time: Jude Smithey
Trustee: Steve Gerber
Hospitality: Shari Willis, Mary Wilkinson, & Emilia Thut
Nursery: Alison Smithey & Grace Burkholder
Rug Duty: Jude Smithey
Greeters: Emily Derstine Friesen

Dec 10, 2017

Worship Leader: Melissa Berkey Gerard
Speaker: Amy Yoder McGloughlin
Song Leader: Blues Band
Prelude/Offertory: Blues Band
Children's Time: Jennifer Brinkmeier
Trustee: Jon Kauffman
Hospitality: Rebecca Kreider & Bethany Flood
Nursery: Mary Wilkinson & Gina Burkholder
Rug Duty: David Krueger
Greeters: Trish Murzyn & Reba McGloughlin

LOOKING AHEAD

Nov 12-Dec 2:	Hosting IHN Guests
Dec 2:	Youth Group
Dec 3:	Church Bazaar
Dec 5:	Coffee & Community
Dec 8:	Jam Session
Dec 9:	Old(ish) Women's Breakfast

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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.