



**October 29, 2017**

WELCOME TO GERMANTOWN MENNONITE CHURCH

October 29, 2017

**GATHERING**

Welcome

Jonathan Landis

Prelude

David Himmer

**PRAISING**

\*Call to Worship

One: Let us lead a life worthy of the calling to which we have been called:

**All: With all humility and gentleness,**

One: With patience, bearing with one another in love,

**All: Making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.**

One: There is one body,

**All: and one Spirit,**

One: Just as we were called to the one hope of our calling:

**All: One Lord, one faith, and one baptism; one God and Parent of all, who is above all and through all and in all.**

\*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

**CONFESSING**

All Souls' Day Remembrance

Amy Yoder McGloughlin

Words of Assurance

Congregational Singing

Douglas Witmer

**OFFERING**

Offering

*Please come forward as you are able to offer your gifts to God. Our Special Offering goes to Theater of Witness, which uses theater to empower people to share stories of suffering, transformation and peace. Food offering for Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry may be placed in the baskets on the floor.*

Offertory

David Himmer

**PROCLAIMING**

Children's Time

Ken Roberts

*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

Douglas Witmer

Scripture: Matthew 3:13-17

Sermon based on Core Conviction

Melissa Berkey-Gerard

*Water baptism is an expression of commitment to begin the journey of discipleship. We welcome those who desire to begin that journey to make a public confession of faith, and receive a blessing of the congregation and the Holy Spirit.*

Reflection on Core Conviction

Mary Crauderueff

Congregational Singing

Douglas Witmer

Blessing for Ken and John

Amy Yoder McGloughlin

### 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

Douglas Witmer

\*Benediction

*Following the service, please join us downstairs for a congregational potluck.*

*Today's Trustee is Matt VanderWindt*

*Today's Hospitality Hosts are Shari Lorraine Willis & Becky Kreider*

*Today's Rug Supervisor is Jude Smithey*

*Nursery is provided by Mary Wilkinson & Gina Burkholder*

*\*please stand as you are able*

#### **MATTHEW 3:13-17**

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. John tried to dissuade Jesus, saying, "I should be baptized by you, and yet you come to me!" But Jesus replied, "Leave it this way for now. we must do this to completely fulfill God's justice." so John reluctantly agreed. Immediately after Jesus had been baptized and was coming up out of the water, the sky suddenly opened up and Jesus saw the spirit of God descending as a dove and hovering over him. With that, a voice from the heavens said, "This is my own, my beloved, on whom my favor rests."

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Nov 5, 2017

Worship Leader: Jeff Garis  
Speaker: Phill Rosado  
Song Leader: John Bergen  
Prelude/Offertory: Will O'Brien  
Children's Time: Meg Laakso  
Trustee: Steve Gerber  
Hospitality: Caitlin VanderWindt & Reba McGloughlin  
Nursery: Mary Wilkinson & Grace Burkholder  
Rug Duty: Katie Brown  
Greeters: Emily Derstine Friesen

Nov 12, 2017

Worship Leader: Douglas Brunk  
Speaker: Amy Yoder McGloughlin  
Song Leader: Charlie McGloughlin  
Prelude/Offertory: Charlie McGloughlin  
Children's Time: Jude Smithey  
Trustee: Jon Kauffman  
Hospitality: Mary Wilkinson & Emilia Thut  
Nursery: Alisha Bruhn/Alison Smithey & Jude Smithey  
Rug Duty: Michelle Bruhn  
Greeters: Trish Murzyn & Reba McGloughlin

**LOOKING AHEAD**

Nov 11:	Oldish Women's Breakfast
Nov 12-Dec 2:	Hosting IHN Guests
Nov 18:	Kids Club
Nov 19:	Mentor/Mentee Hang Out
Dec 3:	Church Bazaar

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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.