



December 3, 2017

WELCOME TO GERMANTOWN MENNONITE CHURCH

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GATHERING

Welcome
Prelude

Douglas Brunk
John Bergen

PRAISING

*Call to Worship

Douglas Brunk

One: Now, in this holy season of Advent, we wait.

All: For the faithful God is coming to us.

One: Now, in this season of waiting, we listen.

All: For the faithful Word speaks of good news to us.

One: Now, in the waiting and listening, we watch.

All: For the faithful Spirit is moving among us.

*Congregational Singing

Teri Gemberling-Johnson

#172 *O come, O come, Immanuel*

#188 *Sleepers, wake*

*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—Where Do You See Stillness?

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
Prayer

John Bergen

PROCLAIMING

Children's Time

Jude Smithey

Children under the age of five are welcome to go downstairs for nursery. Children over five are welcome to pray quietly upstairs or join others in worship.

Congregational Singing

#175 *O Savior, rend the heavens*

Scripture: Isaiah 64:1-9

Scripture: Mark 13:24-37

Sermon

Charlie Miller

Congregational Singing

#182 *Oh, how shall I receive thee*

SHARING

Communion

We take communion by intinction (dipping the bread in the cup). If you wish to participate, please come forward as you are able or have someone near you notify the servers that you need the elements brought to you. For children and those who wish an alternative, a Grape Circle is also offered.

Communion Hymn

Teri Gemberling-Johnson

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

#181 *My soul proclaims with wonder*

*Benediction

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

Today's Trustee is Steve Gerber

Today's Hospitality Hosts are Shari Willis, Mary Wilkinson, & Emilia Thut

Today's Greeter is Emily Derstine Friesen

Today's Rug Supervisor is Jude Smithey

Nursery is provided by Alison Smithey & Grace Burkholder

**please stand as you are able*

PRAYERS FOR OUR CITY

Someone in our city killed Mariaela Duran. Soon after, someone killed Avel Belous. Let us pray today as if these people or their families attended Germantown Mennonite Church. Let us also pray for those who committed these murders.

PRAYERS FOR PEACEMAKERS

Please pray for more than 7,000 refugees stranded on the Greek island of Lesbos, they ask for protection from approaching winter and freedom to continue their journey. Pray for an Afghani family of a 10-year-old boy who drowned in the sea and a family that may be torn apart by deportation. Please hold in your prayers the CPT team, team's partner Pikpa, and others who act in love and solidarity.

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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

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

LOOKING AHEAD

Dec 5	Coffee and Community, 9:30am
Dec 8:	Jam Session
Dec 9:	Old(ish) Women's Breakfast
Dec 16	Kid's Club (5pm-7pm)
Dec 18	Longest Night/Blue Christmas Service at First UM Church of Germantown, 7pm
Dec 20	Lunchtime Reflections, 12pm

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.