



Orrville Mennonite Church

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Worship Order for December 10, 2023 Second Sunday in Advent

Welcome

Candle-Lighting

Responsive Reading Isaiah 40.1, 3-5

All: *Comfort, comfort my people! says your God.*

Leader: A voice is crying out:

Piano Side: "Clear the Lord's way in the desert!"

Offering Side: Make a level highway in the wilderness for our God!

Piano Side: Every valley will be raised up, and every mountain and hill will be flattened.

Offering Side: Uneven ground will become level, and rough terrain a valley plain.

All: *The Lord's glory will appear, and all humanity will see it together; the Lord's mouth has commanded it.*

Gathering Songs*	<i>Joy to the World</i>	WB 318
	<i>My Life Flows On</i>	WB 580

Call to Worship

Leader: Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with God one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day.

Piano Side: God is not slow, as some think of slowness,

Offering Side: but [God] is patient with us,

Piano Side: not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance.

Offering Side: The word of our God will stand forever.

Leader: How shall we live while we wait for salvation? (pause)

All: *Together we wait.*

Singing *Comfort, Comfort, O My People* WB 176
 God Is Here Among Us WB 16

The Lord's Prayer* (using "sins" and "those who sin against us")

Offering Prayer

All are invited to come forward with gifts and offerings as we sing.
 Regular Offerings
 My Coins Count (water projects around the world)

Offering Song *O Little Town of Bethlehem* WB 191

Scripture 2 Peter 3.8-15a

8 Don't let it escape your notice, dear friends, that with the Lord a single day is like a thousand years and a thousand years are like a single day. 9 The Lord isn't slow to keep his promise, as some think of slowness, but he is patient toward you, not wanting anyone to perish but all to change their hearts and lives. 10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. On that day the heavens will pass away with a dreadful noise, the elements will be consumed by fire, and the earth and all the works done on it will be exposed.

11 Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be? You must live holy and godly lives, 12 waiting for and hastening the coming day of God. Because of that day, the heavens will be destroyed by fire and the elements will melt away in the flames. 13 But according to his promise we are waiting for a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

14 Therefore, dear friends, while you are waiting for these things to happen, make every effort to be found by him in peace—pure and faultless. 15 Consider the patience of our Lord to be salvation....

Sermon *Still waiting*
 Mark 1.1-8
 Micah 6:8*

Love Step Prayer (standing if able)

Lord, open my eyes to see when you introduce me to someone. Help me to meet them with love where they are and to be met in love where I am. Help us to walk together, learn from each other, and share your love with others. Help us to see that as we do these things together, we are growing closer to Christ.

Song *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* WB 178

Benediction

Leader: Together we wait.

People: God is patient with us, but how do we prepare while we are waiting?

Leader: Go, beloved, and while you wait for these things, strive to be found by God at peace. Do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.

Sharing (prayer requests) and Caring Announcements

Worship pieces with an "*" are some of Lois Leidig's favorites. Today, we celebrate her birthday, which is December 11.

Greeters, Stan and Marilyn Kamp

Usher, Ken Wenger

PA System Operator, Norm Sohar

Worship Nursery, Sky Lofty

SS Nursery, Sandy Miller

Sunday Morning Trustee (November), Ken Wenger

Song Leader, Hank Rossiter

Accompanist, Marilyn Rossiter

Advent Candle Lighting Readers: Sherm and LaVonne Amstutz

Reader, Barb Shilling

Sharing and Prayer, Dan and Jeanne Jantzi

Sermon Notes

2 Peter 3.8-15a

Mark 1.1-8

Micah 6.8

Island of Misfit Toys

What do you long for?

2 Peter 3.8-15a

Do we really think Jesus is coming back?

How will we know?

Micah 6.8

Announcements

Advent. Today, December 10, is the Second Sunday in Advent. This Advent, as we get in touch with waiting for Jesus to come later and celebrating when Jesus came the first time, we look at this question: "How will we know?" If you are interested in some general information about Advent, here is a link with some solid stuff.

<https://bibleproject.com/guides/advent/>

An invitation! Please consider parking on the side of the church and entering through the front door of the church if you are willing and able. It's another way to make the front of our building more open and inviting to our community.

Coffee time! Coffee, tea and hot chocolate will be available upstairs in the church beginning at 9:00 am. Please consider coming earlier than 9:30 so you have some time to sit and enjoy a cup before the service begins at 9:30. There will be a place for coats in the overflow in addition to the row of hooks near the elevator and the coat rack near the library.

Christmas Carols!!!! You're invited to a Carol Sing at Orrville Mennonite Church, **this evening Sunday, December 10 at 6pm**, with cookies and cocoa afterward! A free-will offering will be taken to benefit the Monday Meals program, which serves about 200 people per week. All ages and abilities welcome!

Prayer Time. The elders will continue to offer Sunday morning prayer times on designated Sunday mornings at 8:45 am. Stay tuned for more opportunities to join in prayer for church growth.

OMC Church Directory Update. Thank you for your help in gathering photos and updated info the next directory. There's still time to send updated pics and info! If we do not hear from you, we will keep your information and picture the same. The directory will be printed by December 31st.

Monday Meals is taking the holiday season off. Our next meal is January 8, 2024.

January 2024 Worship and Fellowship Series. Beginning January 7, with a combined worship service at Oak Grove Mennonite, we will begin a

series called, ***The Jesus Way***, looking at Anabaptist Faith and Practice. Herald Press has a series of 10 books, focused around questions of faith and practice, called *The Jesus Way, Little Books of Radical Faith*. There will be a printed insert in the bulletins this Sunday, and you can also follow this link to more information: [link to the pdf here](#). An order sheet for the books is on the back table in the Sanctuary.

Schedule At-A-Glance for December 10 – 17, 2023

Sunday, December 10 **2nd Sunday in Advent**

Coffee Time, **9:00 am**

Worship Service, **9:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

Sunday School, **10:45 am**

Carol Sing, Cookies and Cocoa at OMC, 6 pm

Tuesday, December 12

REFIT, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, December 13

Elder Council Meeting, 3:15 via Zoom

Axis Youth Group, 7:00 pm at Sonnenberg Mennonite Church.

Sunday, December 17 **3rd Sunday in Advent**

Coffee Time, **9:00 am**

Worship Service, **9:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

Sunday School, **10:45 am**

Looking Ahead

December 24

Regular Worship Service, 9:30 am; **no Sunday School**; Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 6:00 pm; Evening Open House at the Seymour's, 7:15 pm

December 31

Brunch at OMC, 9:15 am; then from 10:45 – 11:30 am, we'll bring OMC's worship time to Maple Terrace to especially include our members, Ruth Conrad and Lois Leidig. OrrVilla/Maple Terrace residents will also

be invited to join us. We will not have Sunday School that morning.

January 7

Combined Worship Service at Oak Grove, **10:30 am**; Lunch following. Oak Grove welcomes any who'd like to visit their Sunday School classes to join them@9:30am.

January 8

Monday Meals start up again.

January 10

First of 5 monthly Wednesday suppers and Bible Studies with our Six Church Group. This first one is at Orrville Mennonite. They will be on the second Wednesdays of each month through May. More information will come next week.

January 14

Our normal Worship, Sunday School, and 2nd Sunday Carry-In meal.

Offering Report for Sunday, December 3, 2023

Weekly Amount Needed for MSP: \$3,408.00

Ministry Spending Plan: \$3,259.00

Monday Meals: \$500.00

Ohio Conference: \$50.00

Mennonite Disaster Service: \$100.00

Mennonite Mission Network (Peace Justice): \$50.00

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