



# Orrville Mennonite Church

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## Worship Order for December 24, 2023 Fourth Sunday in Advent

### Welcome

**Singing**      *How Great Thou Art\**      MH 535

### Candle-Lighting

Leader: God sent the angel Gabriel to a young woman in Nazareth named Mary. He said to her, "Greetings, favored one! God is with you."

*Offering Side: But Mary was perplexed by Gabriel's words,*

**Piano Side: and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.**

Leader: The angel said to her,

**Piano Side: "Do not be afraid, for you have found favor with God."**

*Offering Side: Like Mary, we're also ordinary. Will God really work through us?*

(pause)

**All: Together we ponder.**

**Singing**      *Oh, How Shall I Receive Thee*      WB 182

*Hail To The Lord's Anointed*      WB 185

**Responsive Reading**      Psalm 23\*, Ecclesiastes 3.1-2\*    NKJV

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**Piano Side: He makes me to lie down in green pastures;**

*Offering Side: He leads me beside the still waters.*

**All: He restores my soul;**

Leader: He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

**Piano Side: To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven:→**



34 Then Mary said to the angel, “How will this happen since I haven’t had sexual relations with a man?”

35 The angel replied, “The Holy Spirit will come over you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the one who is to be born will be holy. He will be called God’s Son. 36 Look, even in her old age, your relative Elizabeth has conceived a son. This woman who was labeled ‘unable to conceive’ is now six months pregnant. 37 Nothing is impossible for God.”

38 Then Mary said, “I am the Lord’s servant. Let it be with me just as you have said.” Then the angel left her.

**Meditation**    When God calls...

**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**                      *Where is This Stupendous Stranger*                      WB 200

**Benediction**

Leader:                      Together we wait.

Child:                        How long must we wait?

Leader:                      No one knows when the time will come.  
So, go! Keep alert, strengthened by God’s  
faithfulness to you.

**Sharing (prayer requests) and Caring  
Announcements**

***Songs and Scriptures with an (\*) are favorites of Ken Wenger,  
whose birthday we celebrate today.***

## When the Roll is Called Up Yonder

1 When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound,  
and time shall be no more,  
and the morning breaks, eternal, bright and fair;  
when the saved of earth shall gather  
over on the other shore,  
and the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

Refrain:

When the roll is called up yonder,  
when the roll is called up yonder,  
when the roll is called up yonder,  
when the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

2 On that bright and cloudless morning  
when the dead in Christ shall rise,  
and the glory of his resurrection share;  
when his chosen ones shall gather  
to their home beyond the skies,  
and the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there. [Refrain]

3 Let us labor for the Master  
from the dawn till setting sun,  
let us talk of all his wondrous love and care;  
then when all of life is over,  
and our work on earth is done,  
and the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there. [Refrain]

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Usher, Judy King

PA System Operator, Norm Sohar

Sunday Morning Trustee (December), Ken Wenger

Advent Candle Lighting Readers, Jan and Rollie Kauffman

Song Leader, Bill Seymour

Accompanist, Marilyn Rossiter

Reader, Lou and Pete Erb

Sharing and Prayer, Virg and Kathy Troyer

Greeters Today, Danae King and Charles Bontrager

Next Sunday, Allison Seymour

Worship Nursery Today, Marilyn Kamp  
No Sunday School Today

## **Sermon Notes**

**New Year's Eve.** On Sunday, December 31, Bill will cook breakfast for everyone. Come to the church building at about 9:15 am for breakfast. Then, we'll drive to OrrVilla Maple Terrace and have our worship service there, in the lower level. We'll leave the church building about 10:20 am, and worship will begin at 10:45 am. We are moving to Maple Terrace this day in order to include Ruth Conrad and Lois Leidig. Other residents will also join us.

**Prayer Time.** Church Growth – The elders invite you to a time of prayer, specifically for our church to grow. Jesus replied, “Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.” Matthew 17:20-21. As we come together, in faith, we will discover how nothing is impossible for our Lord. The next prayer time will be **Jan 14, 2024.**

**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.

**The final Fifth Sunday Mission Offering opportunity for 2023** is December 31<sup>st</sup>. Please look for more information early next week showing giving to Missions through our Fifth Sunday offerings thus far this year.

## **Schedule At-A-Glance for December 24 – 31, 2023**

Sunday, December 24 **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent**

Coffee Time, **9:00 am**

Worship Service, **9:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

No Sunday School this morning

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, **6 pm**

Evening Open House at the Seymour's, **7:15 pm**

Monday, December 25 **Christmas Day!!**



Wednesday, December 27

Christmas Party for Open Arms Tutoring Children at OMC,  
10 am – 2 pm

Sunday, December 31 **New Year's Eve**

Brunch at OMC, **9:15 am**

Worship Time at Maple Terrace, **10:45 am**

No Sunday School

### **Offering Report for Sunday, December 17, 2023**

Weekly Amount Needed for MSP: \$3,408.00

Ministry Spending Plan \$2,205.00

### **Looking Ahead**

**January 7**

Combined Worship Service at Oak Grove,  
**10:30 am**; Lunch following. Oak Grove  
welcomes any who want to visit their  
Sunday School classes to join them at 9:30  
Monday Meals start up again.

**January 8**

**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  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Carry-In meal.

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