



# Orrville Mennonite Church

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## Order of Worship December 15, 2024 Third Sunday in Advent

### Welcome

**Gathering Songs**    *Santo, santo, santo (Holy, Holy, Holy)*    WB 400  
*Hark! the Glad Sound!*    WB 184  
*Bless'd Be the God of Israel*    WB 174

**Call to Worship**    based on Isaiah 61:1

Leader:    Merciful One: you anoint us for justice, you call us  
to you.

**People:**    **Your Spirit is poured out upon us.**

Leader:    Yours is the way of release and restoration.

**People:**    **May your love flow through us to heal the  
brokenhearted. May we declare your good news  
to bring hope to the poor.**

Leader:    You anoint us; we are yours.

**People:**    **We delight and rejoice in you.**

**Song**    *Let Justice Flow Down*    screen  
VT 791

### Candlelighting

Reader 1:    Like a cloth with frayed edges, our world leaves  
people on the fringes;

Reader 2:    Those who aren't accepted, who don't belong;

Reader 1:    The poor, the brokenhearted, the prisoners, the  
oppressed.

Reader 2:    But God's kingdom shows us another way.

*The first three Advent candles are lit →*

**All:**            ***Give us eyes to notice those on the fringes and arms  
to extend our boundaries, inviting all to become  
woven into our communities.***

**Love Step Prayer** (unison)

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**            *How Many Times We Start Again*            screen  
VT 553

**Offering Prayer**

**Offering Song**            *There Are Many Gifts*            WB 304

Come forward during the song and place gifts and offerings in vessels for regular offering, Dollar Project and My Coins Count.

**Scripture**        Luke 4.14-19

14 Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news about him spread throughout the whole countryside. 15 He taught in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

16 Jesus went to Nazareth, where he had been raised. On the Sabbath he went to the synagogue as he normally did and stood up to read. 17 The synagogue assistant gave him the scroll from the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because the Lord has anointed me.  
He has sent me to preach good news to the poor,  
to proclaim release to the prisoners  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to liberate the oppressed,  
19 and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

**Slide Show**     *Broken Heartedness*

**Message**        *Who Belongs?*

**Hymn of Response**     *Mountain of God*

screen

VT 11

**Sending blessing**        Based on Isaiah 61:10–11

In the hope of God,

What was once cast aside now grows back;

Those on the fringes are woven back into the fabric.

Go forth now, clothed in joy!

**Sermon Response**

When in your walk with God have you walked with those  
who are marginalized, whom society calls the least?

**Prayer Requests**

**Announcements**

Greeters, Stan and Marilyn Kamp/Emmett Andreasen

Usher, Jo Bixler

PA Operator, Norm Sohar

PowerPoint Operator, Sandy Miller

Song Leader, Jane Beyeler

Accompanist, Marilyn Rossiter

Advent Candle Lighting, Lou Erb/Sandy Sohar, Arthur Andreasen

Readers, Danae King and Charles Bontrager

Sharing and Prayer, Mark Bixler

Worship Nursery, Judy King

Preschool Nursery, Sky Lofty

Trustee (December), Ken Wenger

# Sermon Notes

## **Announcements**

**Today, December 15<sup>th</sup>, is the third Sunday in Advent**

Our Advent/Christmas worship theme this year is focused on the idea of walking with God and each other. Today's focus question is:

When in your walk with God have you walked with those who are marginalized, whom society calls the least?

**Join us for our second annual Carol Sing, Sunday December 15** at 6pm, followed by hot cocoa and cookies! We are taking a freewill offering for our Monday Meals program, which currently serves 160-200 free dinners per week to our community. Hope you'll join us! All ages and abilities are welcome!

**Handel's Messiah.** All are invited to experience Handel's Messiah at Oak Grove Mennonite Church, Smithville, Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm. Whether in the audience or as a choir member, this beautiful and reverent work will warm your heart this Christmas season.

**You are invited to a 60<sup>th</sup> birthday party open house** at the Seymours' in celebration of Allison's birthday on Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, from 5 -7 pm. Hope you can come!

### **Upcoming Sermon Series**

#### **Renewal – Learning from 500 Years of Anabaptism**

**January 5-19 and the 26<sup>th</sup>**

A look at Story, Repentance, Trust and Yieldedness, and the Lord's Table through the eyes of our history.

#### **Wait, God ... Really?!?**

**February 2 - March 2**

A five week look at some head-scratching and even scandalous things in the Bible and faith

1. God's role in our suffering
2. The difficulty of faith and prayer
3. Is it really only through Christ?
4. Scandal -- The treatment of women
5. Scandal -- The land promise and conquest and modern colonialism

### **Schedule-At-A-Glance for December 15 – 22, 2024**

Sunday, December 15 **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent**

Gathering and Coffee Time, **9:00 am**

Worship, **9:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

Sunday School, **10:45 am**

Wild Church at Dan and Jeanne Jantzi's, **3 pm**

Carol Sing with Amber at OMC, **6:00 pm**

Thursday, December 19

Koinonia Women's Lunch at LaVonne Amstutz's, **12 noon**

Saturday, December 21

**60<sup>th</sup>** birthday party Open House for Allison, **5 - 7 pm**

(note time change)

Sunday, December 22 **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent**

Gathering and Coffee Time, **9:00 am**

Worship, **9:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

Sunday School, **10:45 am**

### **Looking Ahead**

December 24

Christmas Eve Service, 6:00 pm

Christmas Open House at the Seymour's

7:30 pm

December 25

Christmas Day

### **Offering Report for December 8, 2024**

Ministry Spending Plan: \$2,417.00

Weekly Amount Needed for MSP: \$3,555.00

Anabaptist Community Bible: \$50.00

### **December birthdays and anniversaries**

1	Bret Andreasen	20	Mel/Mim Wenger
4	Bobby Haas	24	Ken Wenger
17	Allison Seymour	30	Nathan Kalapodis

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