



Orrville Mennonite Church

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Order of Worship December 29, 2024 Sunday After Christmas

Welcome

Gathering Songs	<i>God of Grace and God of Glory</i>	WB 366
	<i>What Child is This?</i>	WB 215

Call to worship

based on Luke 2:41–52

Leader: Jesus, grant that we may learn from you
as long as we live,

People: **that we would mature in wisdom and years.**

Leader: Just as you listened and questioned, grant us
humility

People: **that we would sit among the teachers.**

Leader: We look to you, Emmanuel,

All: ***Jesus, teach us how to learn.***

Song	<i>Come Away from Rush and Hurry</i>	screen VT 9
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Candlelighting

Reader 1: We never stop facing opportunities to learn.

Reader 2: We learn through successes and achievements; we
learn through mistakes and failures.

Reader 1 In our learning, we can also mentor others and
model wisdom along the way.

*The four Advent candles and the Christ candle are lit
(next page) →*

All: *Like a tree, may we grow in faith and wisdom with roots spreading deep to provide grounding, and rings of growth showing our continued learning.*

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 *Joy to the World* WB 318

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

Scripture Psalm 131

¹ Lord, my heart isn't proud;
my eyes aren't conceited.

I don't get involved with things too great or wonderful for me.

² No. But I have calmed and quieted myself^[a]
like a weaned child on its mother;
I'm like the weaned child that is with me.

³ Israel, wait for the Lord—
from now until forever from now!

Message *A Weaned Child*

Hymn of Response *I Sought the Lord* WB 506

Sending blessing based on Psalm 2:7

Hear the Lord's decision:

 "You are my child.

 Today I have become the One
 who nurtures and protects you."

Go then, growing and learning,
 as beloved children of God.

Sermon Response From whom have you learned? Who has
 been a Christian mentor for you?

Prayer Requests

Announcements

Greeter, Liz Snyder

Usher, Sherm Amstutz

PA Operator, Norm Sohar

Song Leader, Jane Beyeler

Accompanist, Marilyn Rossiter

Advent Candle Lighting Readers, Sherm and LaVonne Amstutz

Candle Lighter, Emmett Andreasen

Reader, Sandy Miller

Sharing and Prayer, Bev Squirrell

Sunday School Nursery, Marilyn Kamp

Trustee (December), Ken Wenger

Sermon Notes

Psalm 131 A weaned child

Exodus 32 Moses and the People of God

Contrast between the Twelve Apostles before the Resurrection
and the Twelve after Pentecost

Contrast of the Woman at the Well (John 4)
and Nicodemus (John 3)

Mentors

For Afternoon Fun:

Compare this weaned child idea to New Testament mentions of spiritual milk.

1 Peter 2.1-3

Hebrews 5.11-14

1 Corinthians 3.1-3

What about Manna? Deuteronomy 8.3

Announcements

Our Advent/Christmas worship theme this year has been focused on the idea of walking with God and each other. The sermon response time will give us space to share stories of walking with God and each other. This Sunday's focus question is:

From whom have you learned? Who has been a Christian mentor for you?

Nursery Note. There are no volunteers assigned for the Worship hour this morning. Please feel welcome to attend to your children in the nursery or in the play area at the back of the sanctuary anytime during the morning.

Today, December 29th is our Fifth Sunday Mission Offering where your designated offerings go towards the missions you would like to support. This is the final Fifth Sunday Mission Offering in 2024.

Schedule-At-A-Glance for December 29 – January 5

Sunday, December 29 **Sunday after Christmas**

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

Worship, **9:30 am**

Fifth Sunday Mission Offering

Bill Seymour preaching

Sunday School, **10:45 am**

Wednesday, January 1

Office Closed for New Year's Day

Next Sunday, January 5

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

Worship, **9:30 am**

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Looking Ahead

- January 12 Menno Table Bible Study with Elvis Otieno at
 Martins Mennonite Church
- January 21 Ohio Conf Cluster Mtg at Crown Hill MC, 6:30 pm
- January 26 Combined Worship Service at Wooster MC
 For 500th Anabaptist Anniversary Celebration
 Amy Gingerich, special speaker

Offering Report for December 22, 2024

Ministry Spending Plan: \$5,158.00

Weekly Amount Needed for MSP: \$3,555.00

Compassion Fund: \$100.00

Mennonite Central Committee: \$100.00

IW Royer Fund: \$50.00

January birthdays and anniversaries

- 13 Penelope Andreasen
- 20 Gregory Seymour
- 21 Sandy Sohar
- 25 Louisa Pirozzi-Erb

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