

# MENNO MENNONITE CHURCH

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10:00 a.m. Worship

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Prelude Melanie Gering

## Words of Welcome

Announcements  
Call to Worship

Charlotte Hardt

## Opening Songs

*Prepare the Way! The Prophet Called*  
*We Come*

VT 220  
VT 225

## Scripture

## Candle Lighting Ritual

## Offering

## Children's Story

Becca Burkholder

## Sermon

*Getting down to the Root*  
Matthew 3:1-12

Bryce Miller

## Song of Response

*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

VT 218

## Congregational Sharing and prayer

## Sending Song

*To Us a Child of Hope is Born*

VT 259

## Benediction

*Menno Mennonite Church, a Christian Anabaptist Community, equips believers through relevant Worship and Study, and expresses God's love to others through Stewardship and Service.*

## Announcements

**A Collection for the Ritzville Food Bank** is available in the basket in the back of the sanctuary. Your contribution to the needs of our community is appreciated.

**The Menno Women in Mission** group invites you to join us in collecting items for hygiene kits that Serve Moses Lake will make available to the homeless population. Please place your donations in the green tote in the entryway by December 18. Thank you for your assistance with this project.

## Upcoming Events

Board Meeting

Dec 6, 5 PM

Women in Mission

Dec 8, 9 AM

## This Sunday

Message: Bryce Miller

Worship Leaders: Charlotte Hardt

Accompaniment: Melanie Gering

Greeters: Tim & Roberta Schrag

## Next Sunday

Message: Emily Toews

Worship Leader: Elizabeth Claassen

Accompaniment: Tim Schrag

## Camp CAMREC

[Register](#) for CAMREC's Youth Snow Camp Dec. 29 - Jan 1. This year, we are hosting youth in grades 7-12, including 2022 grads!

### Call to Worship

Leader: A branch shall come forth from the stump of Jesse;  
its root shall bear fruit.

**People: May we be ready, O Lord, ready to be fruit  
bearers of your harvest, bringing forth the fruit  
of dwelling, longing, unity, and peace.**

Leader: Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.

**People: Renew our spirit, stand as a banner before us,  
bright as morning glory.**

Leader: Prepare the way for new life that emerges in and  
through you,  
life that ripples out to your people, into all nations.

*All: In you there is glorious rest.*

### Candle-lighting liturgy

Leader: John the Baptist proclaimed,  
“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

**People: Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make God’s paths straight.**

[silence]

Leader: As we prepare, we light this candle as a sign of  
peace.

**People: Bring your restoration to your people, we pray.**