



December 8, 2024

Worship 10:00 AM

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Prelude

Katherine Franz Swinger

Welcome, Announcements

### Call to Worship

Leader: Let us return to the Lord with all our hearts.

**People: With our whole heart?**

Leader: The hurting and hurtful part? The bleeding and empty part?

**People: The sewn-up-tight-don't-come-in heart part?**

*All: With our whole heart, with all our hearts*

*we come to worship the Lord God,*

Leader: whose merciful compassion, abundant patience, and faithful forgiving love meet us in our need.

Praising

*He Came Down*

VT 239

*O Come, O Come Immanuel*

VT 210 (1,2,4,7)

Candle Lighting

*All: We open our hearts to receive the Spirit, to become more like our loving God.*

Scripture

Luke 11:5-13

Emily Toews

Children's Story

Barb Franz

Prayer

Offering

Message

*Anticipating the Spirit*  
Joel 2:23-29

Bryce Miller

*How Many Times we Start Again*

VT 553

Sharing & Pastoral Prayer

*Bless'd Be the God*

VT 223

Benediction

### Announcements

**The Library Adult Sunday School Class** will not be meeting today.

**Deacon Nomination ballots have gone out to** resident members. If you are not a resident member and would like to make a nomination let the office know and a ballot will be sent. Nominations are due Sunday December 15 at noon.

*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*

**CAMREC Program Committee is looking for input on dates for summer camp** this coming summer. This summer is particularly busy with convention and other elements to consider, so we would like to test a number of calendars with everyone for feedback. We have put a survey together and would welcome input, especially from families with people attending camp as well as volunteers. Please find the survey at [mennomennonite.org/camrec25](http://mennomennonite.org/camrec25).

**Remember the Mennonite Women in Mission meeting** Thursday December 12 from 9 to 12.

**News from MDS:** The Elk Project plans to start early next year and it is time to secure commitments for the specific dates listed below. Six houses in the ELK area are prepped and ready for the finish work. This includes tasks like insulation, drywall, interior doors, painting, flooring, trim, cabinets, countertops, etc. We need all skill levels! There are also several CONEX temporary housing units requiring finish work inside, which means plenty of work starting in January.

There are lodging close by. We have a limited number of beds, so please confirm your dates and party size. Ideally, volunteers can stay both weeks, but single-week stays are understood. Multiple visits are encouraged, as there are more houses lined up after these six, with another ten in the pipeline. Please plan to join us! Particular dates include: Jan. 12th and 19<sup>th</sup>, Feb. 16th and 23rd, Mar. 23rd and 30<sup>th</sup>.

<u>Upcoming Menno Events:</u>	
<b>December 10, 5 PM</b>	Board Meeting
<b>December 12, 9 AM</b>	Menno Women in Mission
<b>December 22, 3 PM</b>	Ritzville Christmas Community Carol Sing, Emmanuel Lutheran Church
<b>December 24, 6 PM</b>	Christmas Eve Service

<b>Worship Contributors</b>	
This Sunday	Next Sunday
Speaker: Bryce Miller	Speaker: Bryce Miller
Worship Leader: Glenn Burkholder	Worship Leader: Barb Franz
Accompanist: Katherine Franz Swinger	Accompanist: Music Team
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