

Benton Mennonite Church

December 23 2018 *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

Worship leader: Patty Nofziger Speaker: Brenda Meyer
Song leader: Lyn Buschert Children's focus: Jennifer Youngberg
Childcare: Rich Meyer and Dee Swartz

9:25 Silence and reflection

WB 176 *Comfort, comfort, O my people*

Peace prayer
Call to worship

SS *Come, thou long expected Jesus*
BF 93 *No wind at the window*

Scripture Isaiah 9:2-7

Children's focus

Scripture Luke 2:1-19, excerpted
WB233 *Joyful is the dark*
BF 97 *Come, join in Mary's prophet song*

Scripture Matthew 1:18-2:13, excerpted
Children dismissed to childcare and activity table
Message *Born in the darkness*
Song of response

Offering

Congregational sharing and prayer
Introductions and announcements
Sending song

HWB = Hymnal Worship Book (Blue) SJ = Sing the Journey (Green)
BF = Blue Folder PP = PowerPoint SS = Song Sheet

Today

- ✝ No second hour.
- ✝ No fellowship meal.

Worship activity backpacks are available for preschool age children in the back of the sanctuary. Anyone is invited to come back to the activity table as the sermon begins for the rest of the service.

Large print hymnals and hearing devices are available. See the sound person in the back for assistance.

Next Sunday

- ✝ Festival of Lessons and Carols.
- ✝ No second hour.
- ✝ No fellowship meal.

Upcoming Event

- ✝ *Sunday January 6, 1pm. Special congregational meeting.*

Worship team for next Sunday

Worship leader: Bruce Nofziger Song leader: Brenda Meyer
Children's focus: Jennifer Youngberg Sound: Lane Meyer-Reed
Childcare: None
Greeters: Vi and Dave Hartzler

Attendance for Sunday December 16 2018

Total: 73
Visitors: 15

Offering for Sunday December 16 2018

Received: \$3,272
Weekly needed: \$3,000
Difference: \$272
YTD received: \$145,573
YTD needed: \$150,000
Difference: (\$4,427)

Staff hours for this week

Brenda: Vacation

Doug: Vacation

Steve: Friday

Doug and Brenda are both on vacation this week. Doug will be on call. Text or call his cell phone if you need to be in touch.

***We will love as Jesus loves,
pursuing God's peace
at the river and at the table.***

Announcements and other bulletin information can be put in Steven Johns's mailbox, sent to office@bentonchurch.org, or left in the bottom left drawer of the desk in the secretary's office. All information is due by 7 pm, Thursday.

Please send all audio visual materials to soundguys@bentonchurch.org by 8 am, Sunday.

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