

# Benton Mennonite Church

December 26 2021 *Christmas Sunday*

**Worship leader:** Patty Nofziger

**Song leaders:** Rachel Yoder Penner / Brenda Meyer

## Festival of Lessons and Carols

9:25 Silence and reflection

Lighting of the Advent candle

Welcome and Invocation

### 1. Creation is good, and fallen

Genesis 1:24-33a; 4:1-2,8-12

Helene Hoover

VT 212 *Comfort, Comfort O My People*

### 2. God promises that all the people of the world will be blessed

Genesis 12:1-4a, 15:1-6

VT 222 *My Soul Proclaims with Wonder*

### 3. God liberates the slaves

Exodus 14:10-14

Grace Leatherman

VT 217 *Hark! the Glad Sound!*

### 4. The Messiah will restore the peace of creation

Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9

John Mischler

VT 259 *To Us a Child of Hope Is Born*

### 5. Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem and Mary gives birth

Luke 2:1-7

Janet Byler

VT 216 *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

VT 267/268 *What Child Is This?/Helpless and Hungry*

### 6. Angels appear to shepherds announcing the birth of the Messiah

Luke 2:8-16

Jodie Biggers

VT 244 *Silent Night, Holy Night*

VT 249 *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Offering, sharing, prayer, and announcements

Sending

VT 241 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

## Today

- There are no children's activities planned.

## Next Sunday

- Doug will preach on "Dare to imagine God's dance!" connected with John 1:1-18; Jeremiah 31:7-14; Ephesians 1:3-14; and Psalm 147:12-20.

## Upcoming events

**Sunday January 9, Building dedication.**

**Sunday January 16, Mennonite World Fellowship Sunday** with Ethiopian guest Hailu Wondafrash.

**Sunday February 27, Congregational meeting** after worship.

## Announcements

### *Here at Benton*

**From Jennifer Schrock on behalf of the Mennonite Creation Care Network:** "We are thankful for Benton Mennonite's exceptional generosity to MCCN in 2021. We also covet your congregation's prayers for discernment as news about the changing climate becomes increasingly grim. Keep the faith!" (MCCN was in our 2021 spending plan for \$550, and also received half of our July peace offering.)

## Worship team for next Sunday

**Worship leader:** Jerrol Shaum

**Song leader:** Lyn Buschert

**Children's focus:** Ashley Johar

**Greeters:** Marian Miller and Dee Swartz

### *Attendance for Sunday December 19 2021*

Total: 68

Visitors: 0

### *Staff hours for this week*

*Brenda:* Vacation

*Doug:* Friday

*Steve:* Friday

Doug continues on vacation until Thursday and returns to the office on Friday. He is on call for pastoral care.

## **Offering, December 19**

Received: \$1,955

Expected: \$3,020

*Difference: (\$1,065)*

YTD received: \$151,059

YTD expected: \$154,020

*Difference: (\$2,961)*

## **Building Campaign**

YTD received: \$220,661

Total received: \$396,703

**Thank you for your continuing support** of the work of the church. You can bring offerings to in-person worship, send checks to the church office, authorize automatic payments from your account, or use the donate button on the website.

*Announcements can be sent to [office@bentonchurch.org](mailto:office@bentonchurch.org) or called into the office. All information is due by 7pm, Thursday.*



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*Relying on the Spirit,  
we will love as Jesus loves,  
pursuing God's peace  
at the river and  
at the table.*

A large version of the Benton Mennonite Church logo, featuring the name "Benton" in a large, bold, dark blue font, with "Mennonite Church" in a smaller, dark blue font below it. To the right of the text is a stylized graphic of three overlapping, curved, light blue waves that sweep from the bottom left towards the top right.

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