

WELCOME TO  
**STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH**

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**December 11, 2022 – Third Sunday in Advent**

**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 A.M.**

**Theme:** RESTORATION IS NEAR:  
“Tell What You Hear & See”

**Worship Leader:** Neil Lehman

**Music Leader:** Rachel Allen & Stahl Singers

**Pre-Service Music:** “Because of the Tender Mercies”  
The Soil and The Seed Project, Vol. 5

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Lighting the Peace Lamp**

**Scripture:** Isaiah 35:1-10

**Gathering Music:** “Holy Spirit Come With Power” VT 57  
“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus” VT 218

**Call to Worship:**

**Leader:** Look, I am sending my messenger, go tell what you  
have seen!

**People:** **God’s awesome wonders fill the earth,  
the lost are found, the blind receive sight,  
the deaf hear, the lame walk,**

**the poor are preached to,  
and those who are dead in spirit receive new life.**

Leader: Is this what you were expecting to see?

**People: Blessed are they who trust in the Lord!**

Leader: For his yoke is easy, his burdens are light.

**All: Great is thy faithfulness!**

**Lighting the Advent Candles:** Psalm 80:3

(Silence as Advent candle is brought to front.)

**Litany:**

Leader: Strengthen your hearts, for the coming  
of the Lord is soon.

**People: Tell what you hear and see:  
even now, like water in the desert,  
we see God's action all around.**

Leader: As we gather strength, we light this candle as a  
as a sign of your love made visible among us.

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

**Song:** "Hope is a Candle" VT 211

**Prayer**

**Sharing Our Joys and Concerns:** "God of Love, Hear our Prayer"

**Music:** "O Little Town of Bethlehem" VT 245

**Scripture:** Matthew 11:2-11

**Message:** "Are You the One" – Jayne

**Response:** (congregation reads in unison)

**We move closer to the coming of our Lord.**

**Let us go forward in joy.**

**Sending Music:** "Here by the Water" VT 629

**Sending Words**

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**Bulletin Editor for December:** Ellen Lehman – 814-288-1961

**Front Table for December:** Worship Committee

**St. Francis Sharing & Caring Item for December:** Toilet Paper

**Offering:** 12/04/2022 – \$ 848.70 = General

25.00 = Doctrine of Discovery

\$ 873.70 = TOTAL

\*\*\*\*\*COMING EVENTS\*\*\*\*\*

**December Mission Offering:** Mennonite Disaster Service

**Tues., Dec. 13, 4:00 pm:** Lay Leaders

**Wed. Dec. 14, 7:30 pm:** Church Council

**Wed., Dec 14:** Jayne is scheduled for knee replacement surgery

**Sat., Dec. 24, 11:00 pm:** Christmas Eve Service. **PLEASE NOTE**  
that there will be no Morning Worship on Christmas Day.

\*\*\*\*\*NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS\*\*\*\*\*

**Jayne will be out of the office this week.** Tuesday she will be at Pastor-Peer in Bedford. Wednesday and following she will be recovering from knee surgery. In case of an emergency, contact a Lay Leader (Bill Hunsberger, Sonya Horsley or Joy Cotchen).

If you have any **bulletin announcements for the weeks Jayne is recovering from knee surgery**, please send them directly to Ellen Lehman, Shana Lichtenfels and Shelly Kerchner.

**Advent** has arrived and we are looking for your musical talents during our Sunday Morning Worship Service. If you would like to join a revival of the **Stahl Singers**, let Rachel Allen know and plan to come at 10:00 am each Sunday to go over music for the morning. If you would like a copy of the planned songs, let Jayne or Rachel know.

**We are helping a local family with Christmas gifts this year.**

Check out the tree in the foyer for gifts needed and sign the sheet on the table so Jeanette knows who will be bringing in items.

**It is not too late to talk to Rachel about Christmas Eve music.** If you would like to share a musical selection, please let Rachel know ASAP.

The denominational **Advent at Home Worship Guide** is now available. The guide is designed for families and people of all ages, offering weekly Scriptures, background information, prayers, activities and rituals around this year's theme from Leader Magazine, "Restoration is Near." Look for it here: [mennoniteusa.org/lentathome](http://mennoniteusa.org/lentathome)



# STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH



Johnstown, Pennsylvania

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