

WELCOME TO
STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH

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December 19, 2021

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 A.M.

THEME: Advent 3: Dare to imagine God's face!

Worship Leader: Floyd Lehman

Music Leaders: Leah Rittenhouse

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Gathering Music

Psalm 80:1-7

Call to Worship

Advent Candle:

Leader: We light a candle of love, and imagine

People: the lowly lifted, fear met with love.

Leader: We light the candle and pray for God's face to
shine on us,

to save us, restore us.

People: Imagine that . . . we are God's wonders, blessed
wonders.

“He Came Down” using “peace” STJ 31

Prayer

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

Music

Imagining

Scripture: Luke 1:39-55

Message: Nate Pile

Response

Leader: We notice, O God, that when you feed people, everyone has enough.

People: We notice that in our world, when we feed people, some have more than enough, and many are still hungry.

Leader: Teach us to love.

People: We notice, O God, that in your social, economic, racial, and gender orders, no one is greater, and no one is left behind.

Leader: We notice that in our world there are many ladders, and many are climbing.

People: Reorientate us to your vision of equality.

Leader: God of mercy, lower us, raise us, empty us, and fill us.

Like an empty manger, we want to be ready to receive Emmanuel.

All: Our souls magnify the Lord, our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.

God has looked with favor on our lowliness.

The Mighty One has done great things for us, and holy is God’s name.

Sending Music

Sending Words

Happy Birthday: Wish the following a Happy Birthday today or send them a card this week: Mon., Dec. 20 – Sarah Barrett; Tues., Dec. 22 – Ron Telenko and Stephanie Holsopple; Sat., Dec. 25 – Shannon Telenko

Bulletin Editor for December: Shana Lichtenfels – 814-288-0171

Church Sign for December:

Front Table for December: Worship Committee

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

Offering: 12/12/2021 – \$1,371.87 – Regular

146.00 – Benevolence

793.00 – Voices Together Hymnal

20.00 – MDS

\$2,330.87

***** **COMING EVENTS** *****

Mission Offering for December: Mennonite Disaster Service

Wed., Dec. 15–Wed., Jan. 5: Jayne taking vacation and holiday time for son’s surgery recovery in Ohio.

Fri., Dec. 24, 9:30 p.m.: Christmas Eve Candle Lighting Service (note time change)

Jan. 2 - Annual Reports due to Joyce Telenko

Jan. 12 - 7:00 p.m.- Church Council

Jan. 16, 12:00 p.m. - Annual Congregational Business Meeting

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

Welcome to Nate Pile, our guest preacher for today.

Jayne will be taking vacation and holiday time for her son’s surgery recovery in Ohio. For emergencies contact a Lay Leader (Glenn Lehman (until Jan 1), Bill Hunsberger, Sonya Horsley or Joy Cotchen (after Jan 1). If you have info or prayer requests for the Phone Tree contact Sonya Horsley. If you have information for the bulletin please contact Shana Lichtenfels or Ellen Lehman.



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Johnstown, Pennsylvania

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