

Ridgeview Mennonite Church  
3723 Ridge Road, Gordonville, PA 17529  
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December 10, 2023

*Called by God to learn and share together God's love with all creation.*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** **9:00 AM**

**WORSHIP SERVICE** **10:15 AM**

Second Sunday of Advent  
**HOW WILL WE KNOW . . . WHAT NOW?**

**Worship Leader:** Jill Heine  
**Music:** Ensemble

Prelude: Elaine Shirk  
Gathering *Spirit, Working in Creation* STJ #10  
Welcome & Announcements  
Lighting the Peace Candle  
Receiving Our Tithes and Offerings

Call to Worship  
Advent is a time to lean into our questions. To wonder and wander and wait together for the Messiah, the Christ child, the Light. God is working. Advent is a time when we wait together and search for clues of the work that God is doing in our midst.

**Leader:** Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with God one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day.

**High voices:** God is not slow, as some think of slowness,

**Low voices:** but is patient with us,

People: not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance.

**Leader:** The word of our God will stand forever.

**People:** **How shall we live while we wait for salvation?**

(pause)

**All: Together we wait.**

Greeting Time  
Congregational Singing  
*Poor of the Earth* (all verses) VT #213  
*My Soul Is Filled With Joy* STJ #13  
*Blessed Be the God of Israel* VT #223

Children's Time: Evie Hershey  
Scripture: Isaiah 40:1-11, Mark 1:1-8  
Message: *How Much Longer?* Pastor Klaudia Smucker  
Sharing Time

Advent Candle Lighting/Benediction  
Leader: Together we wait.  
Candle lighter: God is patient with us, but how do we prepare while we're waiting?  
Leader: Go, beloved, and while you wait for these things, strive to be found by God at peace. Do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.

**WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY...***How Will We Know...What's Next?*  
Mark Wenger will give the message.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Tue 10:00 a.m.** Tuesday Alive...Ladies choir from Landis Homes will bring songs of the season. A delicious turkey and stuffing meal will be the finale.

**Wed 9:00 a.m.** Food Pac

**Dec 20 Wed 7:00 a.m.** Men's breakfast @ Amos' Place

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THANK YOU** for your involvement in making the Silent Auction and meal a success. In addition to having fun together, we raised a total of \$8,148. The meal raised \$608 and the silent auction \$7540. Twenty-five percent of the auction proceeds over \$3,000 is being donated to MCC which amounts to \$1,135 and \$7,013 for Ridgeview missions. Let's celebrate what we can do when we join together!

**JOINING TOGETHER IN DECEMBER:** We need \$18,000 above regular church offerings during December to meet our budget. With the auction and offering last week we have \$7,940 toward our \$18,000 goal. Please consider generous gifts to Joining Together In December to help us reach the \$18,000 goal.

**THE FINAL STEWARDSHIP UNIVERSITY 2024**—culminating over 20 years of this event is scheduled for Friday, March 1, 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Lancaster Bible College. Online registration opens December 5 at [everence.com/StewU](https://everence.com/StewU). Cost is \$10

**MESSIAH SING-A-LONG**, Friday, December 29, 7 p.m. @ Upper Octorara Presbyterian Church. Clair Leaman, conducting choir & orchestra. Free will offering. Details at [messiah-singalong.org](https://messiah-singalong.org).

**IF YOU HAVE A CREDIT CARD** thru Everence, please consider earmarking Ridgeview Mennonite Church as “Your Neighbor.” My Neighbor program is an easy way to support Ridgeview Church, your Neighbor, through your normal shopping routines. For every grocery, gas or other purchase you make, Everence will donate 1.50% of the transaction to the Church.

**REPORT FOR December 3**

Offering \$3,060 Joining Together \$972 Attendance 64

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