

Ridgeview Mennonite Church  
3723 Ridge Road, Gordonville, PA 17529  
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December 17, 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

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

**Worship Leader:** Dick Thomas

**Music:** Evie Hershey

Prelude: Jill Heine

Gathering *O Little Town of Bethlehem* VT #245

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting the Peace Candle

Receiving Our Tithes and Offerings

Call to Worship

Leader: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior!

High voices: For the Mighty One has done great things for me,

Low voices: and holy is God's name.

Leader: God has brought down the powerful and lifted up the lowly.

**People: What will God do next?**

*(pause)*

**All: Together we wonder.**

Congregational Singing

*Come Thou Long Expected Jesus* VT #218

*O Come, O Come, Immanuel* VT #210

(v 1,4,6,7; refrain after each verse)

*Healer of Our Every Ill* VT #644

Children's Time: Kate Sommer & Julie Sommers

Scripture: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Luke 1:46-55; 1 Thess 5:16-24

Message: *"The One Who Calls You is Faithful"* Mark Wenger

Mark Wenger is a retired Mennonite pastor and seminary educator. He spends his time now caring for his wife Kathy with Parkinson's Disease, serving part-time as a bishop in LMC, and as a faculty mentor with Kairos University. Mark and Kathy have two married daughters and one grandchild. They live near Lampeter.

Song of Response *He Came Down* VT #239

Advent Candle Lighting/Benediction

Leader: Together we wonder.

**Candle lighter: How will we know what's next?**

Leader: Go and hold fast to what is good, rejoice always, make straight the way of the Lord!

**WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY...***How will we know...why me? Why not me?* Pastor Klaudia

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

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

**Jan 2 6:30 p.m.** Pastoral Search Committee meeting

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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.

**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 10**

Offering \$3,060	Attendance 66
Year End for 12/10/23	\$549.00
Year-end to date	\$1,521
Year-end & Auction	\$8,757.62

<b>Auction Item Totals</b>	\$7,595.50
Meal Donations/Donations	\$790.00
MCC Donation	\$1,148.88
(25% of \$4,595.50)	
<b>Auction Net Profit for Ridgeview</b>	<b>\$7,236.62</b>



**December 17, 2023**

**Pastoral Advisory Council**

Klaudia Smucker, Interim Pastor

Etta Esch

John Denlinger

**Ministry Leadership Team**

Dick Thomas

Julie Sommers

Dan Dietzel

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