

Ridgeview Mennonite Church
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December 21, 2025

Advent 4: *What Do You Fear?*
Insisting on Hope This Advent

WORSHIP SERVICE **9:30 AM**

SUNDAY SCHOOL **10:50 AM**

Worship Leader: Julie Sommers
Music: Evie Hershey, Joanne Dietzel

Prelude
Gathering Song *Bless'd Be the God of Israel* VT 223
Welcome & Announcements

Advent Candle Lighting

L: In a world full of fear, where do you see glimmers of joy?

C: We see joy in the laughter of children and the delight of grandparents. We see joy in meals around the table and in singing of Christmas songs.

L: In a world full of fear, where do you see the presence of love?

C: We see love when people hold open the door. We see love in a warm embrace and in random acts of kindness. We see love all around us.

L: You are right. Even in a fearful world, joy and love are all around us. Today we light the candles of joy and love as a reminder of this good news. May this flicker of light help us remember that even in a fearful world, joy is here. Love is here. And they are world changing.

All: Thanks be to God for that good news! Amen.

Receiving Our Tithes & Offerings

Call to Worship

L: Here in worship—

C: We pray together, we stand together, we sing together, we listen together.

L: Here in worship—

C: We are not alone.

L: So when life gives you reason to grieve, to fear, or to worry, remember this moment.

C: We are not alone.

Lr: Let us worship our ever-present God.

Congregational Singing

He Came Down

VT 239

We Come

VT 225

Children's Time Pastor Katelyn

Scripture Reading Luke 1:26-39, Matthew 1:18-25

Congregational Song *O Come Take Heart*

Message *"Even In Our Fear, We Are Called Forward"*

Pastor Katelyn, Joanne Dietzel

Response Song *Don't Be Afraid*

VT 596

Praises and Prayer Concerns

Sending Song *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

VT 241

Benediction

CALENDAR

Dec 24, 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS to meet budget need to average \$2,502, which would be \$10,008 regular giving in December and an additional \$8,000 for Joining Together in a special year end offering. The offering last week was \$2,282 leaving \$15,726 needed to meet the Joining Together goal. Thank you for your faithful stewardship!

NOTE...the week of December 21 and 28 the bulletin will be printed on Wednesday. That means all announcements will be due December 23 and December 30.

TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY- We are excited to share an opportunity we have with you. In February we will be traveling to Nairobi, Kenya for a two-week short term mission trip. The mission we will be serving with is Missions of Hope International (MOHI). MOHI works with disadvantaged communities to help break the cycle of poverty and to share the hope of Jesus. While there, our team of twelve will be involved in activities centered around encouraging teachers, staff, and students of MOHI. We invite your prayers for ourselves, the team we will be serving with and those we will be serving.
Bill and Joanne Zimmerman

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS: Sara Bushong, sarabushong57@gmail.com

AFTER THE AUCTION we received a donation from Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre for one complimentary ticket that is valid between December 2025 and May 10, 2026. If you have interest in the ticket, talk to Dick Thomas. The ticket sale will be added to the auction total income.

REPORT FOR December 7

Offering \$2,282 Auction: \$6,054 Attendance 48

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

Pastoral Advisory

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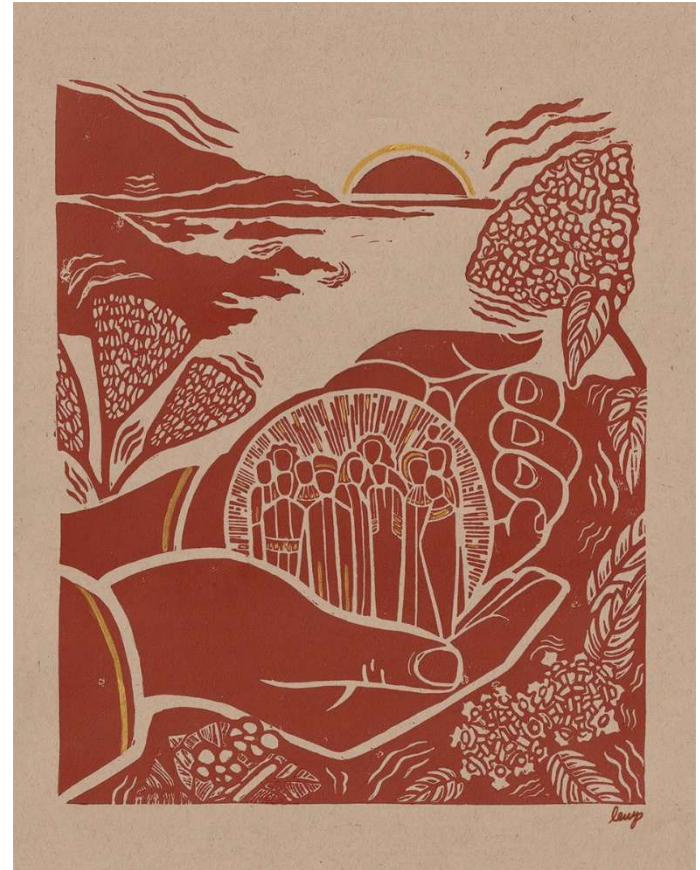
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***“When You’re Afraid,
Give Me Your Hand”***

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