



FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ -
Making Disciples through
Loving Relationships.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Advent – December 18, 2022 **Do not be afraid**

God has promised to restore us and has acted in Jesus to further God's plan of restoration. Because of God's promise, we can act by asking for what we need and by stepping out in faith.

GATHERING

Gathering Music	Shirley Baltzer
Welcome, Announcements, Greeting	Nadine Friesen
Prelude to Worship	Shirley Baltzer
*Call to Worship	Nadine Friesen

*Behold! Do not be afraid; God is with us.
God is our strength and our salvation!*

Lord, we stand in your presence in faith, not fear.

*God will send angels to keep watch over you,
to comfort you, to keep you.*

Lord, our strong hope is built on your unfailing love.

Our hearts yield to you and trust in your transforming power.

Praise ye the Lord!

Hymn Hark! the Glad Sound! VT 217
Candle-Lighting Liturgy

We cry out for restoration. We call upon God to give us life.

Do not be afraid, says the Lord.

I have promised to be with you.

*As we hold fast to God's promise,
we light this candle as a sign of our love. [Pause]*

Bring your restoration to your people, we pray.

Hymn Bless'd Be the God of Israel VT 223
Time for God's Children Amoz the Shepherd

SHARING

Sharing and Prayer
Offering Our First Fruits
Hymn

We Come

Pastor Tom
Shirley Baltzer
VT 225

LISTENING

Scripture
Message

Isaiah 7:10-16; Matthew 1:18-25; Psalm 80:19
Do Not Be Afraid!

Pastor Tom

RESPONDING

Hymn
Sending
Postlude

Now the Heavens Start to Whisper

VT 237

Shirley Baltzer

Among Our Friends and in Our Prayers:

- ❖ Focus prayers on brothers and sisters in our directory.
- ❖ Pray for **God's courage** to act out of **love** in our restoration work.

Announcements:

- ❖ Pick up your week 4 advent guide on the foyer table. (it's red)
- ❖ Congregational meeting immediately following our service.
- ❖ Christmas Eve: 6:30 - Lessons and Carols followed by fellowship time.
- ❖ Christmas Day: 10:30 – Worship
- ❖ The secretary will be working remotely this week, visiting family. Feel free to text or call her at (620)947-3734. She will be in the Eastern Time Zone. (an hour earlier!)

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