



FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ -
Making Disciples through
Loving Relationships.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday of Advent – December 4, 2022 Prepare the way of the Lord

In a world where power holds sway, Jesus will judge differently. We are called to prepare the way for this new kind of ruler. This calls for repentance and truth-telling.

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Welcome, Announcements, Greeting

Prelude to Worship

*Call to Worship

Shirley Baltzer

Darrel Knoll

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*A branch shall come for the from the stump of Jesse;
its root shall bear fruit.*

**May we be ready, O Lord, ready to be fruit bearers
of your harvest, bringing forth the fruit of dwelling,
longing, unity, and peace.**

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.

**Renew our spirit, stand as a banner before us,
bright as morning glory.**

*Prepare the way for new life that emerges in and through you,
life that ripples out to your people, into all nations.*

In you there is glorious rest.

Hymn Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

VT 216

Candle-Lighting Liturgy

*John the Baptist proclaimed, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven
has come near."*

Prepare the way of the Lord, make God's paths straight.

As we prepare, we light this candle as a sign of peace. [Pause]

Bring your restoration to your people, we pray.

Hymn Comfort, Comfort, O My People

VT 212

Time for God's Children

Amoz the Shepherd

SHARING

Sharing and Prayer
Hymn

Savior of the Nations, Come!

Pastor Tom
VT 214

LISTENING

Scripture
Message

Prepare the Way

Matthew 3:1-12
Pastor Tom

RESPONDING

Hymn
Sending
Postlude

Prepare the Way! the Prophet Called
We Come

VT 220
VT 225

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

- ❖ Sunday, December 4 – **Caleb Diener**

Among our Friends and in Our Prayers:

- ❖ Praying for one another through our directory.
- ❖ **Remember those who are struggling with health issues.**
- ❖ **Pray for hope, and now peace, for the many people for whom the holiday season is so difficult.**

Announcements:

- ❖ **Stay for our Youth Lunch – donations only for Main St. Min.**
- ❖ **Jeff Wintermote** will be preaching **next Sunday**. There will be an opportunity for you to bring an offering of an ingredient for a vegetable soup. There will be extra vegetables available if you are unable to bring something.
- ❖ **Special offering** next Sunday goes to our FMC Local Budget.

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