



# FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ -  
Making Disciples through  
Loving Relationships.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

**First Sunday of Advent – November 27, 2022**  
**Watch: The day is almost here**

**We need restoration, awaiting Christ's coming in our time  
just as the world waited before the first incarnation.  
In anticipation, we are to live as restored people.**

## GATHERING

Gathering Music	Anna and Tom Harder
Welcome, Announcements, Greeting	Aleen Ratzlaff
Prelude to Worship	Anna and Tom Harder
*Call to Worship	Aleen Ratzlaff

*Hear us, O Shepherd of Israel; you who sit on the mercy seat  
between the cherubim, we stand in your presence, seeking your  
face.*

**Shine forth, O Lord, in the sight of your people, that we may  
see you clearly. Stir up your strength in us; come, rescue us.**

*The time is near, we are watching; restore us again, O God.*

**Cause your face to shine and we shall be saved, made whole  
by your gracious love and kindness.**

***We are watching and waiting for you, O Lord.***

\*Prayer

\*Hymn                      O Come, O Come, Immanuel                      VT 210

Candle-lighting Liturgy

*Watch! You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you  
to wake from sleep.*

**The night is far gone, the day is near.**

*As we watch, we light this candle as a sign of our hope.*

**Bring your restoration to your people, we pray.**

Hymn	Longing for Light	VT 715
Time for God's Children		Amoz the Shepherd

## SHARING

Sharing and Prayer  
Bringing Our First Fruits

Pastor Tom

## LISTENING

Scripture  
Message

Restoration is Near

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19  
Pastor Tom

## RESPONDING

Hymn  
Sharing the Lord's Supper  
Invitation

My Soul Cries Out

VT 412

Words of Institution, eating and drinking together  
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn  
Benediction  
Postlude

We Come

VT 225  
Pastor Tom

### Among Our Friends and in Our Prayers:

- ❖ Praying for one another through our directory:
- ❖ **As we finish 2022**, praise God for his leading and present our challenges for the future.

### Announcements:

- ❖ **RSVP for the youth Christmas lunch on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>** Checklist is on the whiteboard.
- ❖ **Advent guides** for this week and next are both out on the table.

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