

**Waterloo North Mennonite Church
Sunday, November 27, 2016 10:45 am**

Advent 1

THE HOLY WAY

Walking the way of God's heart.

GATHERING

Hymn HWB (blue) #190 Twas in the moon of wintertime

Hymn HWB (blue) #195 It came upon a midnight clear

Welcome and announcements

PRAISING

Chiming to worship

Silence

Call to Worship

Leader: In the night time of despair, we are filled with doubt.

**People: We are overwhelmed with busyness
and the compulsion to do.
We have lost our way.**

Leader: The night is almost over.

We are emerging from our doubts.

People: O God, show us the way of your heart.

Leader: Come quickly, to show us.

All: The dawn is nigh. Show us the way.

Invocation

Hymn STS (purple) #3 (vs.1&3) Come, Light of the world
with Advent Candle Lighting

Advent 1 Psalter lesson: Psalm 122

Hymn HWB (blue) #176 Comfort, comfort, O my people

Children's time

Offering

CONFESSING/RECONCILING

Prayer of confession:

Leader: God of peace,

**People: we yearn to walk in your way, but often choose our own
path of turmoil and pain.**

**Save us, Lord, from the pride and foolishness of choosing
our own course, that we may humbly and confidently
follow your lead, through Jesus Christ, Amen**

Words of assurance:

Leader: Throughout the tumult of life, God holds you close in Love.
Rejoice, because God's wisdom is your guide, God's
compassion is your strength,
God's love is your redemption.

All: Come, Let us walk in the way of God's heart!

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5

New Testament Lesson: Matthew 24:36-44

Hymn HWB (blue) #407 We are people of God's peace

Sermon

RESPONDING

Song "The Heart of God" - by Alana Levandoski

Congregational prayer

Hymn HWB (blue) #172 (vs.1,3,5,6) O come, O come, Immanuel

Benediction

Worship Participants

Pianist

Reuben Janzen-Martin

Chimes

Soul Food Middlers

Worship Leader

Gordon Allaby

Children's Time

Carmen Brubacher

Congregational Prayer

Lorrie Shantz

Scripture Reader

Katie Goerzen-Sheard

Psalm reading

Conrad, Nathan, Paul Heidebrecht

Soloist

Ben Janzen

Sermon

Betty Pries

Ushers

Kathryn Good, Phil Ruby

Sound

Scott Konkle

Childcare - Infants to Age 4 – Staffed Childcare is available during
worship in Nursery located outside the sanctuary. Ushers are
available to assist you.

Information Sheets with church news and activities are available on
table in foyer for those who do not receive them electronically.

Head sets are available, from the ushers, for hearing assistance.

Offering - For those who contribute electronically, offering cards are available or use loose change/cash so that you can participate in the giving of offering worship experience.

Isaiah 2:1-5 (NRSV)

2 The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.³ Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. ⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Matthew 24:36-44 (NRSV)

³⁶"But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

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