



Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship

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For Such a Time as This *Advent Two: Time for Action*

Gathering

Advent Prelude

Song: *God of Grace and God of Glory*

VT 716

Call to Worship and Prayer

Cindy Baker

Lighting the Advent Candle Jenny, Mark, Luke, Caleb & Abigail Yoder

Song: *Hope Is a Candle*

VT 211

Advent Theme Song: *We Come*

VT 225

Hearing God's Word

Song: *Will the children? **

Children's Time

Steph Wieand

Prayer and Offering

Cindy Baker

Sermon and Scripture

Mark Schloneger

Scripture: Esther 4:1-17

Sermon: "Time for Action"

Responding

Song of Response: *Wisdom from on High Is Dawning*

VT 238

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Bob Smith

Sending

Welcome & Introduction of Visitors

Cindy Baker

(Please pass the friendship registers.)

Benediction

Song: *Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord*

VT 219

Worship Participants

AV Technician: Jason Moshier

Song Leader: Greg Smucker

Accompanist: Patsy Sherer

Offertory: Angela and Ezra Shenk

Ushers: Nancy and Dick Yoder

Visuals: Rebecca Tarman

Advent Visual Thoughts from Rebecca Tarman: *Our theme for Advent is "For Such a Time as This." Our weekly focuses of vision, action, all, dreaming, and celebration can be seen in the stories from the Bible but also call out to us today. As the banner changes this month, these are the thoughts I had as I created each one.*

Advent One, Vision: The wisemen saw the sign in the sky that they had been waiting for. They followed that vision and it led them not to a throne but a humble stable where they fell on their knees and worshiped. I am hopeful that I can emulate the wisemen and not get so wrapped up in this busy time of year that I lose vision of God's love and I pause to fall down on my knees and worship.

Advent Two, Action: Mary and Joseph were afraid when God called them to action but they did not question. They were willing to turn their lives upside down to follow God's will for them. Am I willing to do that? I hope as I go through Advent I take time to think about where in my life I need to take action to experience and express God's love in my life.

We offer childcare during worship after children's time, for infants & toddlers through 3 years of age, in the Cherub Corner (Room 2). Child Caregivers Today: Andrea Bontrager Yoder and Dick Yoder

Fellowship

Sunday School begins at 11:00 a.m. and ends at 12:00 p.m. First enjoy a time of fellowship after the worship service. *(Children, second grade & below, have singing time after worship – Room 10.)*

- INFANTS & TODDLERS (ages 0-2) – Room 3
- PRESCHOOL I (age 3 & 4) – Room 2
- PRIMARY (grades k & 1) – Room 5
- PRIMARY II (grade 2) – Room 4
- PRIMARY III (grade 3 all & grade 4 girls) – Room 1
- MIDDLE (grade 4 & 5) – Room 6
- JUNIOR YOUTH (grades 6-8) – Room 7
- HIGH SCHOOL (grades 9-12) – Room 9
- COLLEGE & YOUNG ADULTS - Library
- ADULTS
 - Women Tending our Souls – Room 11
 - Discussions on Faith and Discipleship – Room 8
 - Diversity: God's Design – Sanctuary