



BRESLAU MENNONITE CHURCH
FOURTH ADVENT Sunday December 18, 2022

Restoration Is Near
Do not be afraid

GATHERING AND PRAISING GOD

Pre-Worship Advent Singing

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Greetings favoured ones! The Lord is with you.

And also with you.

We come to worship the One who loves us,

regardless of our weariness, regardless of our worthiness.

Fear not! For God has found favour in you.

We receive God's blessing with expectant hope, joy, peace, and love.

Come, Lord Jesus!

Prayer of Gathering

Hymns

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing #247 VT
Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light #269 VT

Advent Candle Lighting

As we watch, we light this Advent candle as a sign of our love.

We live in a world that fears the stranger and the strange.

We light this candle as our commitment to love that is expressed in inclusivity.

We are a community that welcomes unconditionally and generously.

We light this candle for Jesus, the Lover of All.

God, bring your restoration to all people, to all creation.

Hymn

O Come, O Come, Immanuel #210 VT vs 1 & 4

Prayer of Thanksgiving - Giving Our First Fruit Offerings

Children's Offering Project – BMC's Winter Giving Project: Gifts for Ukraine

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Story

Ella S

Jr Sunday School Christmas Story

Scripture

Matthew 1:18-25

Advent Reflection

Birthing God's Dream

Pastor Eleanor

Hymn

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice #261 VT

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Praying Together

Hymn

Angels We Have Heard on High #249 VT

Benediction

Postlude

VT – Voices Together

Welcome!
Following the worship service
all are invited for coffee/tea, treats and conversation

Worship Leaders
Accompanist
Chorister
Advent Candle Lighters
Scripture Reader
Sound & Digital Tech
Greeter
Ushers

Sharla B, Pastor Eleanor
Oliver B, Lynette G, BMC Band
Linden G
Allison D, Matt R
Brent S
Owen V, Matt V
Fern B
Kathy F, Karen G