

Ridgeview Mennonite Church
3723 Ridge Road, Gordonville, PA 17529
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November 28, 2021

Called by God to learn and share together God's love with all creation.

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE 10:15 AM

Advent 1
Worship Leader: Joanne Dietzel

Welcome
Gathering Song
Lighting of the Peace Candle

Call to Worship

L: The days are shorter and darkness comes early to our lives.

P: Lord, hear our prayers through the darkness.

L: Come, seek the Lord. Place your hope in God's mercy and love.

P: Lord, we seek your presence among us.

L: Look closely! God is making us ready.

P: Open our spirits today, and help us to receive your Good News.

L: The signs of God's Good News are all around us.

P: The darkness has overshadowed them.

L: God will bring to us new light and hope for all generations.

P: Open our eyes, Lord, to see your promises fulfilled. AMEN

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Hope

Scripture Reading: Psalms 25:1-10

Children's Time

Message: *Dare to Imagine God's Goodness!* Pastor Audrey

Worship in Song

Response of Hope

L: Have you seen itthe spark of hope which God is placing among us.

P: All we can see is hectic, frantic lives, darkness and fear.

L: Look again.....the spirit of God is moving, bringing hope.

P: We need to place our hope in God, but we are afraid.

L: A long time ago, people were afraid and God brought to them Light.

P: May God guide and direct our lives and steps.

L: In the midst of life's challenges . . .

P: Our hope is in God. God is with us!

L: Where is God?

P: Here, right here, right now, beside us, before us, behind us, with us!

All: May God bring light and hope to us today!

Benediction
Sending Song

CHILDREN'S ZOOM, 7:00 P.M. today

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec 1 Wed 9:00 a.m. Food pac

Dec 14 Tue Silent Auction (see announcement below)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK-YOU for your strong affirmation for Etta Esch and John Denlinger to serve on the Pastoral Advisory Council. There were many affirmations and no concerns were expressed by anyone. In these polarized times we can celebrate the unity we are experiencing in the midst of our diversity!

We now move on to call a person to lead the IN and a person to lead the OUT ministries of our congregation. Nomination forms are on the literature rack and must be returned no later than December 6, 12 noon.

SILENT AUCTION EVENING, Tuesday, December 14. Meal 5:30-6:30 p.m. Bidding will end at 7:00 p.m. While the bids are being tallied, Elton Horst will lead us in carol singing.

JOINING TOGETHER IN DECEMBER... \$20,000 is needed in giving above the weekly budgeted amount of \$3,675 to meet the 2021-22 giving plan. Please keep this goal in mind as you give the most generous gifts you can to Ridgeview during each Sunday in the month of December.

WOULD YOU DONATE TWO DOZEN COOKIES for our Silent Auction evening, Tuesday, December 14? There is a sign up sheet in the lobby.

PLANNING CONTINUES on the foyer with plans to begin work in early January. The interior planner we are working with has come back with a new possible approach to the walls that were to be wood. The new design has been favorably received by the Ministry Team, Administration Commission and a few other Ridgeview participants, as well as by some of the Branch Community leadership. **A check-in congregational meeting to review the new plan as well as several other updates is scheduled for Monday November 29 at 7:00 via ZOOM. A ZOOM link for the meeting will be sent.**

DARE TO IMAGINE, an ADVENT at Home worship guide is available on the literature rack.

REPORT for November 21 Offering \$5000 Attendance 70



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