

Benton Mennonite Church

December 14, 2025

Worship leader: Ruth Mischler **Peace prayer:** Pastor Derrick
Song leader: Scott Kempf **Scripture reader:** Helene Hoover
Children's focus: Ruth Mischler **Speaker:** Pastor Derrick

10:25 Silent Reflection
10:30 Worship

Welcome

VT 49 *All Who Are Thirsty*

Call to Worship

Peace Prayer

VT 239 *He Came Down*

VT 217 *Hark! the Glad Sound!*

Children's Focus

Advent Candle Lighting

VT 211 *Hope is a Candle (Advent Theme Song; vs 1, 2, & 3)*

Offering

VT 218 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Scripture: Isaiah 55:1-13

Sermon: *Be Amazed: Joy in the Desert*

Christmas Pageant

VT 212 *Comfort, Comfort, O My People*

Sharing and Prayer

Introductions and Announcements

VT 847 *You Shall Go Out with Joy*

Benediction

Today

- ❖ 9:30am Wired Word class, Room 113
- ❖ 10:30am Worship
- ❖ Cookie exchange

Worship team for next Sunday

Worship leader: Anne Meyer Byler **Song leader:** Scott Kempf
Peace prayer: Barb Meyer-Reed **Scripture reader:** Donna Risser
Children's focus: Lyn Buschert **Speaker:** Pastor Derrick
Greeters: Doug/Jane Vendrely **Sound Tech:** Lane Meyer-Reed

This week

- ❖ **Tuesday 9:30am** Coffee Talk at the church. Come and chat with Derrick and with each other.
- ❖ Derrick is out of the office this Wednesday and Thursday

Upcoming events

No planned events this week.

Announcements

- ❖ Please check out the bulletin board and take home an MCC Christmas ornament.
- ❖ No fellowship meals after church until next month.

Offering report for November, 2025

Received: \$13,005
Expected: \$14,425
Difference: (\$1,420)

YTD received: \$144,621
YTD expected: \$138,480
Difference: \$6,141

Sharing Fund Balance: \$3,371

Building Campaign III

Total received: \$147,010
Campaign Goal: \$150,000

Attendance for Sunday, December 7

Total: unknown Visitors: 5

Send bulletin information to bentonmennooffice@gmail.com
All information is due by Wednesday pm.

Staff days for this week

Derrick Ramer: Monday-Tuesday, Friday
Patty Nofziger: Monday and Thursday afternoon

Welcome Statement

Believing that the image of God is found in every person, we commit ourselves to welcoming people of any age, ethnicity, race, gender identity, sexual orientation, citizenship status, and ability as full participants in our congregational life. This commitment means increasing our awareness of power and privilege as we stretch ourselves to become more inclusive and loving in all our relationships.



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*Relying on the Spirit,
we will love as Jesus loves,
pursuing God's peace
at the river and
at the table.*

