

# Benton Mennonite Church

December 21, 2025

**Worship leader:** Anne Meyer Byler

**Song leader:** Scott Kempf

**Peace prayer:** Barb Meyer-Reed

**Scripture reader:** Donna Risser

**Children's focus:** Pastor Derrick

**Speaker:** Pastor Derrick

10:25      Silent Reflection

10:30      Worship

Welcome

VT 254      *Oh, How Joyfully*

Call to Worship

Peace Prayer

VT 261      *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

VT 252      *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

Children's Focus

Advent Candle Lighting

VT 211      *Hope is a Candle (vs 1, 2, 4, & 3)*

Offering

VT 258      *Love Has Come*

Scripture: John 1:19-34

Sermon: *Be Amazed: Love Comes Down*

VT 255      *Love Came Down at Christmas*

Sharing and Prayer

Introductions and Announcements

VT 259      *To Us a Child of Hope Is Born*

Benediction

## Today

❖ 9:30am Wired Word class, Room 113

❖ 10:30am Worship

## Worship team for next Sunday

**Worship leader:** Anne Meyer Byler

**Peace prayer:** Pat Baer

**Song leader:** Rachel Yoder Penner

**Readers:** Various People

**Children's focus:** Lyn Buschert

**Speaker:** Pastor Derrick

**Greeters:** Orv, LaJane Yoder

**Sound Tech:** Bruce Nofziger

## This week

❖ **No** Coffee Talk at the church this week or next week..

## Upcoming events

❖ No planned events have been submitted to the church office.

## Announcements

❖ Please check out the bulletin board and take home an MCC Christmas ornament.

❖ No fellowship meals after church until next month.

❖ No Coffee Talk at the church until January, 2026.

❖ Pastor Derrick and his family are on vacation December 24-31. Contact Mary Ann Weber or Janet Byler for any pastoral care concerns.

## Offering report

**Thank you for your continuing support** of the work of the church.

You can bring offerings to in-person worship, send checks to the church office, authorize automatic payments from your account, or use the donate button on the website.

## Attendance for Sunday, December 14

Total: 57      Visitors: 3

Send bulletin information to [bentonmennooffice@gmail.com](mailto:bentonmennooffice@gmail.com)

All information is due by Wednesday pm.

## Staff days for this week

Derrick Ramer: Monday-Tuesday

Patty Nofziger: Monday 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.*