

# Benton Mennonite Church

January 18, 2026

**Worship leader:** Jerrol Shaum

**Song leader:** Derrick Ramer

**Children's focus:** Donna Risser

**Peace prayer:** Chelsea Risser

**Scripture Reader:** Patty Nofziger

**Speaker:** Pastor Derrick

10:25      Silence and reflection

10:30      Worship

Welcome

VT 29      *Come, Now Is the Time to Worship*

Call to Worship

Peace Prayer

VT 287      *Jesus Christ Is Waiting*

VT 297      *You Are Salt for the Earth*

Children's Focus

Offering

VT 716      *God of Grace and God of Glory*

Scripture: John 2:13-25

Sermon: *Reading John with Care*

VT413 *My Soul Cries Out*

Sharing and Prayer

Introductions and Announcements

VT 518      *Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us*

Benediction

## Today

❖ 9:30am Wired Word class, Room 113

❖ 10:30am Worship

❖ 12pm fellowship meal

## Worship team for next Sunday

**Worship leader:** Christina Litwiller

**Song leader:** Rachel Yoder Penner

**Children's focus:** Lyn Buschert

**Greeters:** Doug/Jane Vendrely

**Peace prayer:** Janet Byler

**Reader:** Patty Nofziger

**Speaker:** Pastor Derrick

**Sound Tech:** Lane Meyer-Reed

## This week

- ❖ **Tuesday 9:30am** Coffee Talk at the church. This is open to anyone. Come and chat with Pastor Derrick and each other.

## Upcoming events

- ❖ **Tuesday, February 17, 6:30 pm** at the church.

Everyone is welcome to join us for pancakes, a pancake race, and poetry. You may bring a poem to share. There will be a sign-up sheet soon for food or bring something that goes with pancakes. Following the European tradition, we encourage everyone to dress in the traditional housewife dress with a long skirt or dress, apron, and head scarf. We look forward to a fun time as we get ready for Lent. See Donna Risser for any questions.

## Announcements

- ❖ Pathways Retreat would like a person from each church to learn about what they offer, then share that information to the congregation. If interested, there is a meeting Friday, Jan. 30, 10am to learn about what they do. Let Patty know if you are interested in being that person from our congregation.
- ❖ You can help Scott and Kate with meals by talking to Jodie or going online to <https://mealtrain.com/8n8gk2>
- ❖ The Campaign is done. Let's plan a party. Anyone interested? Talk to John Buschert
- ❖ We need a group to work with Derrick to propose how to spend about \$10,000 in memorial gifts.
- ❖ Reparations: Anne Meyer Byler and John Buschert attended the first meeting of the Goshen Reparations Consortium. We need a proposal for how we could contribute to this new initiative. Are you interested?

## 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, January 11

Total: 55      Visitors: 2

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-Thursday  
Patty Nofziger: Monday and Thursday afternoons

### 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.*