

# Benton Mennonite Church

December 28, 2025      *Lessons and Carols*

**Worship leader:** Anne Meyer Byler

**Peace prayer:** Pat Baer

**Song leader:** Rachel Yoder Penner

**Speaker:** No speaker

**Scripture readers:** Various

**Children's focus:** Lyn Buschert

10:25 Silence and reflection

10:30 Lighting of the Advent candles

VT 254 Oh, How Joyfully

Welcome and Call to Worship

1. Creation is good, and fallen

Scripture Genesis 1:24-31a; 4:1-2,8-12 (John B)

VT 212 Comfort, Comfort O My People

2. God promises that all the people of the world will be blessed

Peace Lamp and Prayer

Scripture Genesis 12:1-4a, 15:1-6 (Dave B)

VT 222 My Soul Proclaims with Wonder

3. God liberates the slaves

Scripture Exodus 14:10-14 (Mary G)

VT 217 Hark, the Glad Sound

4. The Messiah will restore the peace of creation

Scripture Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9 (Dee S)

VT 218 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

VT 259 To Us a Child of Hope is Born

5. Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem and Mary gives birth

Children's Focus

Scripture Luke 2:1-7 (Grace L)

VT 244 Silent Night

VT 267 & 268 What Child is This/Helpless and Hungry

6. Angels appear to shepherds announcing the birth of the Messiah

Scripture Luke 2:8-16 (Doug V)

VT 249 Angels We Have Heard on High

Offering

Carol Choices

Sharing

Announcements

Sending:

Scripture Luke 2:17-20 (Patty N)

VT 240 Joy to the World

## Today

❖ 9:30am Wired Word class, Room 113

❖ 10:30am Worship

## Worship team for next Sunday

**Worship leader:** Jerrol Shaum

**Peace prayer:** Orv Yoder

**Song leader:** Lyn Buschert

**Scripture Reader:** Janet Byler

**Children's focus:** TBD

**Speaker:** Pastor Derrick

**Greeters:** Patty Nofziger

**Sound Tech:** Bruce Nofziger

## This week

❖ **No** Coffee Talk at the church this week

## Upcoming events

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

## Announcements

❖ No fellowship meals after church until January, 2026

❖ 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 21**

Total: 45    Visitors: 4

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.*



15350 County Road 44 | Goshen, Indiana 46528

(574) 642-3245 | [bentonchurch.org](http://bentonchurch.org)

Derrick Ramer, x2 | cell: 574-354-1332 |  
[bentonmenno@gmail.com](mailto:bentonmenno@gmail.com)

<mailto:bentonmennooffice@gmail.com>

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

