

# Benton Mennonite Church

March 8, 2026

**Worship leader:** Ruth Mischler **Scripture Reader:** Helene Hoover  
**Song leader:** Pastor Derrick **Peace prayer:** Janet Byler  
**Children's focus:** Donna Risser **Speaker:** Pastor Derrick

**Theme:** Third Sunday of Lent: Standing Up & Standing Back

10:25 Silence and reflection  
10:30 Worship

Welcome

VT 129 *O Worship Our God*

Call to Worship

Peace Prayer

VT 131 *Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord*

VT 518 *Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us*

Children's Focus

Offering

VT 712 *Beauty for Brokenness*

Scripture: John 18:12–27

Monologue: Peter's story

Sermon: *Standing Up & Standing Back*

Confession Poem:

VT 715 *Longing for Light*

Sharing and Prayer

Introductions and Announcements

VT 832 *The Lord Lift You Up*

## Today

- ❖ Bible Study, Rm 105
- ❖ Wired Word, Rm 113
- ❖ 10:30am Worship
- ❖ 12pm fellowship meal

## Worship team for next Sunday

**Worship leader:** Ruth Mischler **Peace prayer:** Pastor Derrick  
**Song leader:** Rachel Yoder Penner **Scripture Reader:** Dave Baer  
**Children's focus:** Casandra Byler **Speaker:** Pastor Derrick  
**Greeter:** Sharon Erb **Sound Tech:** Lane Meyer-Reed

## This week

- ❖ **NO Coffee Talk** at the church this Tuesday. Pastor Derrick apologizes for needing to schedule a Conference meeting at that time.

## Upcoming events

- ❖ **Today, March 8, 4-6** Goshen Brewing Company Anabaptist Climate Collaborative (ACC) is hosting a Hans Hut Happy Hour with Avery Lamb and Derrick Weston of Creation Justice Ministries, a national interdenominational Christian ministry. Derrick will have copies of his book, *The Just Kitchen: Invitations to Sustainability, Cooking, Connection, and Celebration* available. This is an open house with snacks; drinks available for purchase. At 4:30 join Doug, Avery and Derrick in conversation to learn about ACC and CJM, including our efforts to plant trees for environmental equity, and to learn more about Derrick's book. (Doug Kaufman is the Executive Director of ACC.)
- ❖ **Sunday, March 22**, congregational meeting has been postponed until a later date.

## Announcements

- ❖ [Menno Media](#) is offering 50% off select Herald Press titles this month.

## 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, March 1

Total: 40 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.*

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



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