

## Nurture Hour

Sunday school begins at 11:00 a.m. and ends at 12:00 p.m. First enjoy a time of fellowship after the worship service.

- INFANTS & TODDLERS (ages 0-2) – Cherub corner
- PRESCHOOL I (age 3) – Joyful class
- PRESCHOOL II (ages 4) – Forgiveness class
- PRIMARY (grade K-2) – Peaceful class

Middlers, JYF, MYF and Adults

are invited to participate in Intergenerational activities

planned by the Advent Committee.



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## *Advent 4: Restoration*

*Come, walk in the way of God's restoration,  
healing, justice, and peace.*

### Prelude

### Gathering

Song: *O Come, O come, Immanuel* (v 1)

Reading:

Leader: In the nighttime of our longing,  
we find ourselves far from God's presence.

**People: Even though we yearn to see God's face,  
our daily burdens and distractions  
keep us from coming near.**

**We forget that the truest joy  
comes from being in God's presence.**

Leader: O, God, show us the way of your restoration.

**All: *Come! Walk in the way of God's restoration, healing  
justice, and peace!***

Songs: *O Come, O come, Immanuel* (vv 5 & 6)  
*Maranatha, come* (vv 5 & 7)

### Praising

Reading: Psalm 146:5-10 and Luke 1:46-55

Songs: *The angel Gabriel*

*My soul is filled with joy*

Children's Christmas Program

Song: *O come, all ye faithful*

Offering

Offertory

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Andrea Bontrager Yoder

## Confessing/Reconciling

### Prayer of Confession

Leader: God of restoration,

**People: we yearn to walk in your way  
but often choose our own path of  
turmoil and pain.  
Save us, Lord,  
from the pride and foolishness of  
choosing our own course,  
that we may humbly and confidently  
follow your lead,  
through Jesus Christ, Amen.**

### Words of Assurance

Leader: Throughout the tumult of life,  
God holds you close in love.  
Rejoice,  
because God's wisdom is your guide.  
God's compassion is your strength.  
God's love is your redemption.

**All: Come, let us walk in the way of God's restoration!**

Response Song: *Kyrie eleison*

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## Hearing God's Word

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Leader: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,  
you who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth!

**People: Restore us, O God;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

Leader: Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,  
the one whom you made strong for yourself.

**People: Restore us, O God;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

Leader: We will never turn back from you;  
give us life, and we will call upon your name.

**People: Restore us, O God;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

New Testament Reading: Luke 1:46-55

Sermon

Elizabeth Miller

## Responding

Song of Response: *Hark! The glad sound*

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Prayers of the people

Ron Guengerich

Musical Interlude

## Welcome/Announcements

*(Please pass the friendship registers.)*

## Sending

Song: *Joy to the world*

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Benediction:

Come! Walk in the way of God's restoration.

The dawn is breaking!

Christ is coming to free us from alienation.

He will show us the way.

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## Worship Participants:

Worship Leader: Ron Guengerich

Musicians: Terri Plank Brenneman, Andrea Bontrager Yoder

Ushers: Merrill and Clare Krabill

AV Operator: Phil Bauman

Visuals: Lana Smucker

*Hearing assistance devices are available in the room beside the doors to the sanctuary. Please see the AV operator if you would like one.*

*We offer childcare during worship after children's time for infants & toddlers. Children under 2 years of age may go to the Cherub Corner room, while 2 and 3 year olds may go to the MYF room.*

Infant Care: Merrill Krabill, Jennifer Schrock, Missy Schrock

Toddler Care: Anna Sawatzky, Lori and Ron Good

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