

Welcome to worship. We are happy you chose to come today. Feel free to join us as we pray, sing, and listen to God speak. We hope that all will sense God's spirit among us and will be eager to return and worship here again.

Our weekly newsletter gives information and announcements about our congregation. Newsletters are on the tables near the north and west entrances to the building.

Children are welcome to pick up a worship bag at the entrances of the sanctuary. Please return the bag and contents after the service.

The children's classes will gather following this service in the basement for Sunday School. All adults are invited to a fellowship time in the fellowship area after the worship service. Following that, we hope you choose to attend one of the Sunday School classes that meets in the Fellowship Hall.

WORSHIP WORKERS

Worship Leader: Denver Beck, Kathy Beck, Jackie Lehman

Song Leader: Cheryl Britsch

Ushers: Max Aeschliman, Jerry & Ladonna Andres, Greg Short, Cal Britsch, Mike Zimmerman

Greeters: Dan & Karen Ruth, Merrill Spiess & Jan Cobb Nofziger

Next week: Larry & Elaine Short, Bob & Joyce Frey

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Zion Mennonite Church

December 3, 2017

Advent 1 – "Let it Be"

Prelude	Karen Stuckey
Welcome and announcements	
Interlude	Karen Stuckey
Wisdom and Wonder	
Lighting of the Advent Candle	
Choir "What Child Is This/Helpless and Hungry"	HWB 215
<i>"Speak, O Lord"</i>	
Call to Worship	
L: Awake!	
The invitation to carry light comes from the God Of trembling mountains and shaking foundations.	
P: O God, your expectations terrify us.	
How can our small selves hold your blazing presence?	
<i>(Pause for silence)</i>	
L: Quiet our questioning souls.	
P: Lead us beyond our resistance.	
<i>ALL: Let it be.</i>	
Opening Prayer	
Hymn "O Come, O Come Immanuel"	HWB 172
Offering and Offertory	Karen Stuckey
Scripture	Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19
Hymn "Who has known the mind of Jesus"	STJ 58
Children's Time	Jackie Lehman, Galen Plank
Scripture	1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Sermon "Waiting with Purpose and Expectation"	Cliff Brubaker
Response "I Will Come to You in the Silence"	Insert

Confession

O God of power and might,
We want you to tear open the heavens and come down,
Yet we tremble and quake at the thought.
We confess that even though we know your light,
We do not like the dark, empty void
Where your Spirit hovers over the waters.
We shake like leaves in the wind,
Fearful of what you might ask.
Afraid to trust you completely.
Caught up in the swirling of our world
We struggle to "let it be"
Forgive us, O God.
(pause for silence)

Words of assurance

O, God, Emmanuel,
In Jesus, the Christ, you have come among us.
You have given us life, and we are restored.

Installation of Sue Short**Prayer for the Church and World**

Corben Weaver Boshart

Benediction

Cliff Brubaker

Sending Song "Rain Down"

STJ 49