

CHARLESWOOD MENNONITE CHURCH

December 15, 2024

Sunday Seminar 9:30 am ~ Sunday School 9:45 am ~ Worship Service 10:45 am

Worship Leader: Youth
Christmas Play: Children
Storyteller: Julia Thiessen
Technician: Kent Haase
Ushers: Charlotte Martens & Trevor De Ryck

Scripture/Readers' Theatre: Youth
Song Leaders: Alisa Wiebe, Vanessa Wiehler,
Julia Thiessen
Accompanists: Jeremy Wiebe, Velma Braun

Third Sunday of Advent

GATHERING

Prelude

Songs: *Gather Round, Light the Fire* (children and youth)

VT 218 *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

Welcome and Introductions

Call to Worship

Speaker 1: Merciful One, you anoint us for justice, you call us to you.

People: *Your Spirit is poured out upon us.*

Speaker 2: Yours is the way of release and restoration.

People: *May your love flow through us to heal the brokenhearted.*

May we declare your good news to bring hope to the poor.

Speaker 3: You anoint us; we are yours.

People: *We delight and rejoice in you.*

Candlelighting

Reader 1: Like a cloth with frayed edges,
our world leaves people on the fringes;

Reader 2: Those who aren't accepted, who don't belong;

Reader 1: The poor, the brokenhearted, the prisoners, the oppressed.

Reader 2: But God's kingdom shows us another way.

(first three Advent candles are lit)

All: *Give us eyes to notice those on the fringes and arms to extend our boundaries, inviting all to become woven into our communities.*

Song: VT 225 *We Come*

HEARING THE WORD

Story

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 61 Readers' Theatre

Song: VT 220 *Prepare the Way! the Prophet Called*

Children's Christmas Play: *Are You Invited?* By Laura Thiessen

Scene 1 - Mary, Matthew, and Nora

Song: Angel Music "Ring the Bells" (children)

Scene 2 - Joseph, Mary Magdalene, and Sparrow

Song: *Away in a Manger* (children)

Scene 3 - Shepherds and Wisemen

Song: VT 240 *Joy to the World* (vv 1,2,4) (congregation)

RESPONDING

Offering - Moment of Reflection

Sharing [livestream muted] and Prayer

SENDING

Announcements

Song: VT 239 *He Came Down*

Benediction

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