

Waterloo North Mennonite Church  
Sunday, December 1, 2019, 10:45 a.m.  
Advent 1 - HOPE

**Gathering Hymns:**

**HWB (blue) #210 Good Christian friends, rejoice**  
**HWB (blue) #202 The virgin Mary had a baby boy**

Welcome and Announcements

Chiming to Worship

Silence

**Call to Worship**

One: Oh God, our God we cry out to you.

**All: Asking, will your kingdom of peace  
be established on this broken earth?**

One: Are you coming to intervene,  
to make whole your divided creation?

**All: God, what are you waiting for?**

Invocation

**Responsive reading** (from Isaiah 2:1-5)

One: The word of the Lord has been established for us.

**All: Come, let us walk in the word of the Lord.**

One: The Lord has come to teach us God's ways.

**All: Come, let us walk in the way of the Lord.**

One: The Lord has come to bring peace to all nations.

**All: Come, let us walk in the peace of the Lord.**

**Theme Song: STS (purple) #15 Hope is a candle**

Lighting the Advent wreath

**Confession**

One: Forgive me, Lord, for not expecting you,

**All: even when you have told me that you are coming.**

One: Forgive me, Lord, for being asleep,

**All: even when you have asked me to wait for you.**

One: Forgive me, Lord, for my carelessness,

**All: when all you have asked of me is to care.**

One: Forgive me, Lord, for failing to see you,

**All: when your face is so obvious.**

*(silence)*

One: Blessed be our God,

who invites us to walk in the light of the Lord!

Children's time

**Hymn: STS (purple) #3 Come, Light of the world**

Offering

Congregational Prayer

**Hymn: HWB (blue) #178 Come, thou long-expected Jesus**

Scripture reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

*(see insert)*

Sermon "Hope"

**Response Hymn HWB #172 "O come, O come..."** *(vs 1,3,5,6)*

Benediction

**Headsets** for hearing assistance are available from the ushers.

**Childcare** (infants to age 4): The nursery is located next to the sanctuary. Infant change table is located in washroom next to nursery. Ushers can direct you.

**Children’s Worship Binder**, an instrument to help children through the worship service, is available by the sanctuary entrance.

**Information Sheets** with church news and activities are available in the foyer for those who do not receive them electronically.

**Offering:** Thank you to those who contribute electronically. Offering cards are available (or use loose change/cash) so that you can participate in the giving of offering worship experience.

**Welcome Visitors** We are glad you are worshipping with us this morning. If you would like to learn more about our church and our ministries, including our care groups, education opportunities, seniors group or youth groups, and if you’d like to be added to our email list, please contact the church office or one of the ministers.

***At Waterloo North Mennonite Church we welcome all people to participate fully in our Christian community of faith with all its expectations, responsibilities, and opportunities regardless of personal characteristics such as race, ethnic background, age, gender and gender identity,***

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*With gratitude and respect, we recognize that we are worshipping on the traditional land that once belonged to the Haudenosaunee and Anishnaabe peoples. We regret the lack of respect given to the Indigenous people in the past, and pledge to work for justice and reconciliation.*

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## Isaiah 2:1-5 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup>The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>In days to come  
the mountain of the LORD's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.

<sup>3</sup> Many peoples shall come and say,  
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths."  
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.

<sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the LORD!