

Waterloo North Mennonite Church
Sunday, December 22, 2019, 10:45 a.m.
Advent 4 - LOVE

Gathering Hymns

HWB (blue) #189 To us a Child of hope is born
HWB (blue) #192 On this day Earth shall ring

Welcome and Announcements

Chiming to Worship

Call to Worship

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

**People: Asking, will we be saved to your goodness,
forgiven of the brokenness we have made,
certain that we are called to you?**

Leader: Will we follow the child you sent to lead us?
Will we no longer be afraid, but be restored?

All: God, what are we waiting for?

Lighting of Advent Candle

Reading and Prayer

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

Offering

Hymn: HWB (blue) #208 Love came down at Christmas

Sharing the Story: a Christmas Pageant

STJ (green) #13 My soul is filled with joy (*vv 1, 2, 5*)

HWB (blue) #172 O come, O come, Immanuel (*vv 1, 3, 4*)

HWB (blue) #194 Away in a manger

HWB (blue) #193 Silent night, holy night (*vv 1, 2, 4*)

Insert: We Three Kings

HWB (blue) #318 Joy to the world (*vv 1, 2, 4*)

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 7:10-16

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Reflection

Hymn of Response: HWB (blue) #211 Lo, how a Rose...

Congregational Prayer

Sending Hymn: STS (purple) #28 Holy Child within...

Benediction

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.

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, sexual orientation, income, or education.

We Three Kings

John Henry Hopkins Jr (public domain)

Verse 1

We three kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain moor and mountain
Following yonder star

Chorus

O star of wonder star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading still proceeding
Guide us to Thy perfect light

Verse 5

Glorious now behold Him arise
King and God and sacrifice
Alleluia alleluia
Peals through the earth and skies

Isaiah 7:10-16 (NRSV)

¹⁰ Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹ Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. ¹² But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. ¹³ Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵ He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶ For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.