

# BRESLAU MENNONITE CHURCH FIRST ADVENT Sunday November 27, 2022 Restoration Is Near

Watch: The day is almost here

#### **GATHERING AND PRAISING GOD**

Pre-Worship Advent Singing Prelude Welcome Call to Worship

The days are coming, and we are readying ourselves.

The awe and mystery of this blessed season reminds us of the coming of the Holy One.

Wonder fills our hearts as we tell the timeless story.

We are watching and waiting for you, O God.

**Prayer of Gathering** 

Hymns

We Praise Thee, O God #91 *VT* Siyahamba (We are Marching) #793 *VT* 

## **Advent Candle Lighting**

As we watch, we light this Advent candle as a sign of our hope.

We bring hope into shadows of despair.

We light this candle as our commitment to bringing healing into the world.

We are the hope for a better future.

We light this candle to reveal the Way of Jesus, the Hope of the World.

God, bring your restoration to all your people, to all creation.

Hymn

O Come, O Come, Immanuel #210 VT vs 1 & 6

**Prayer of Thanksgiving - Giving Our First Fruit Offerings** 

#### **HEARING GOD'S WORD**

Talking About Service - BMC Giving Project

Children's Story

Dorothy H

ScriptureIsaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 24:36-44SermonThe Advent of HopeEleanor Epp-Stobbe

Hymn We Come #225 VT

## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns Praying Together Hymn

**lymn** I Know Not Why God's Wonderous #590 VT

Benediction Postlude

VT - Voices Together

Welcome!
Following the worship service
all are invited for coffee/tea and conversation

Worship Leader
Accompanists
Chorister
Advent Candle Lighters
Scripture Reader
Sound & Digital Tech
Greeter
Ushers

Pat K
Carolyn St, Al F, Randy B, Linden G
Eric HR
Claire & Carly S
Brandon H
Owen V, Matt V
Paul & Dorothy H
Sharon N, Mike S