



**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 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**

Janice K

**Children's Story**

Dorothy H

**Scripture**

Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 24:36-44

**Sermon**

The Advent of Hope

Eleanor Epp-Stobbe

**Hymn**

We Come #225 VT

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

**Praying Together**

**Hymn**

I Know Not Why God's Wonderful #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