



**BRESLAU MENNONITE CHURCH
SECOND ADVENT Sunday December 4, 2022**

Restoration Is Near
Prepare the way of the Lord

GATHERING AND PRAISING GOD

Pre-Worship Advent Singing

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

We await the One who shall come from the shoot of Jesse.

May we be ready, O God, ready to be fruit bearers of your harvest, bringing unity and peace.

The Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.

Renew our spirit, go as a banner before us.

Prepare the way for new life. Life that ripples out to all people, to all creation.

We await the One who comes in peace and hope.

Prayer of Gathering

Hymns

Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah #95 VT
Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord #219 VT

Advent Candle Lighting

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

We remember all who live in the midst of conflict, in their own homes, in their communities, in their countries, anywhere in the world.

We light this candle as our commitment to embracing diversity.

We are peacemakers in this world.

We light this candle to herald the coming of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

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

Hymn

O Come, O Come, Immanuel #210 VT vs 1 & 2

Prayer of Thanksgiving - Giving Our First Fruit Offerings

Children's Offering Project – BMC's Winter Giving Project: Gifts for Ukraine

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Story

Linda F

Scripture

Isaiah 11:1, 5-9; Romans 15:4-13; Mathew 3:1-12

Sermon

Preparing the Way

Dorothy H

Hymn

Prepare the Way! the Prophet Called #220 VT

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Praying Together

Hymn

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming #216 VT

Benediction

Postlude

VT – Voices Together

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

Worship Leader
Accompanist
Chorister
Advent Candle Lighters
Scripture Readers
Sound & Digital Tech
Greeters
Ushers

Eleanor Epp-Stobbe
Lynette G, David R, James B, Linden G, Randy B
Randy B
Krista B, Phil, Ainsley & Reid M
Paul & Dorothy H
Owen V, Matt V
Murray & Carol S
Dorothy H, Andre C