

BRESLAU MENNONITE CHURCH THIRD ADVENT Sunday December 14, 2025

BE AMAZED: Joy in the desert Find rest, comfort, and joy in God, in places where you least expect it.

GATHERING AND PRAISING GOD

Pre-Worship Advent Singing

Prelude

Gathering Hymn We Dream of a Turning #209 VT

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Come all who hunger and thirst – God calls us to the feast!

We long for home, caught in a world that drains our hope.

"Listen so that you may live! My covenant is everlasting, my promise sure."

Can joy reach us here, in this place of waiting?

God's vision is higher than the heavens, stretching beyond what we can see.

The invitation is for all people, from the farthest reaches of the earth.

The word of God does not return empty – it brings life!

The mountains and hills will burst into song; the trees of the field will clap

their hands. You are the source of joy, O God. You expand our vision,

lifting our eyes beyond the moment, beyond despair into amazement.

We gather ready to enter your story and be amazed.

Prayer of Gathering

Hymn Come to the Water #35 *VT*

Advent Candle Lighting

We have been wandering.

Come, Joy of the world. Come amaze us.

Prayer of Thanksgiving –Giving Our First Fruit Offerings

Children's Offering Project – BMC Winter Giving Project

HEARING GOD'S WORD

ScriptureIsaiah 40:1-5; Luke 2:8-20. **Hymn**Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming #216 VT

Jr Sunday School Christmas Program

Children's Story Matt R

Hymn It Came upon a Midnight Clear #248 *VT*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Praying Together

Hymn Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus #218 VT

Benediction

Postlude

VT – Voices Together

Welcome! Following the worship service all are invited for coffee, tea, church juice, cookies and conversation.

Worship Leader
Accompanist
Chorister
Advent Candle Lighters
Sound & Tech
Greeters
Ushers
Coffee

Nursery

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