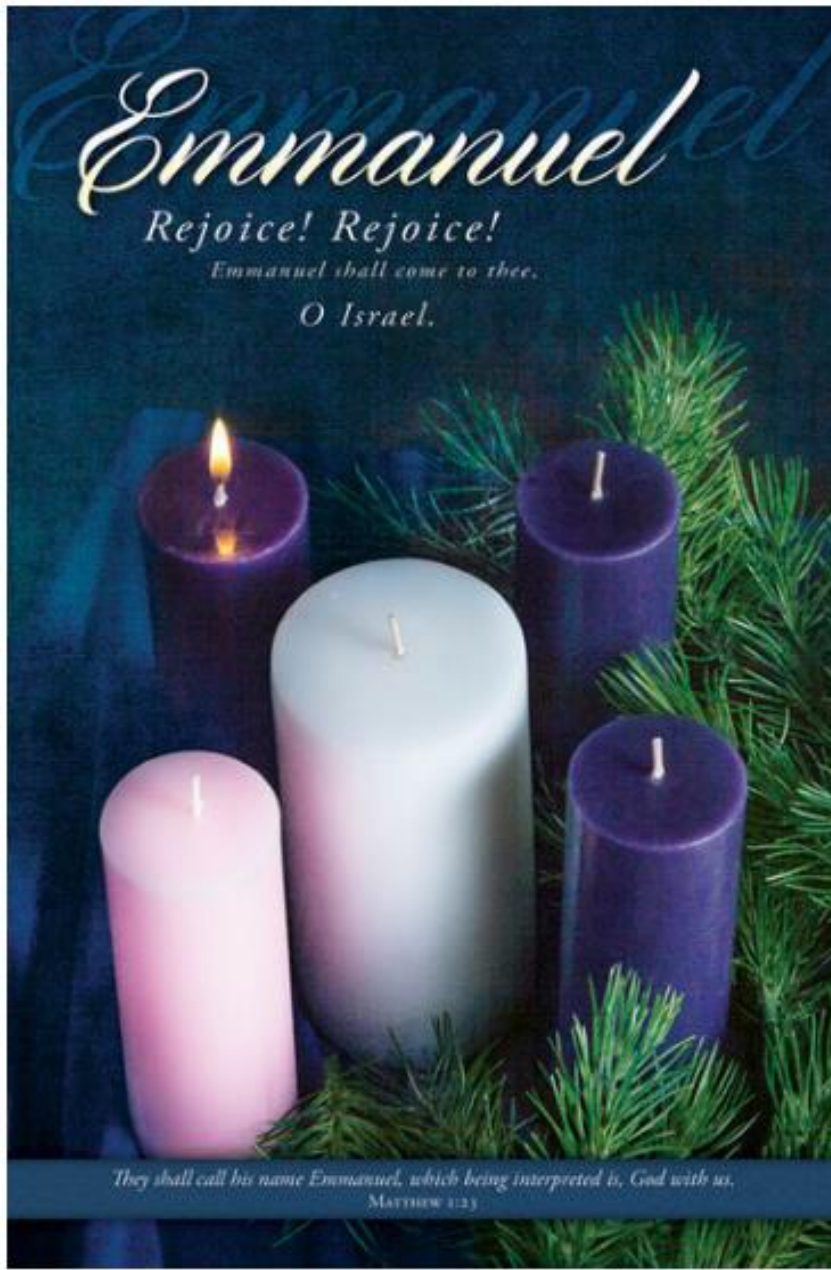


Sermon Series: *What are you waiting for?*



GATHERING & PRAISE

Preservice Music

Gathering Song

O come, O come, Immanuel

HWB 172

Welcome & Call to Worship from Psalm 122

One: I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go into the house of the Lord."

All: *Our feet have been standing
Within your gates, O Jerusalem!*

One: Jerusalem is built
As a city that is compact together,

Men: Where the tribes go up,
The tribes of the Lord,
To the Testimony of Israel,
To give thanks to the name of the Lord.

Women: For thrones are set there for judgment,
The thrones of the house of David.

All: *Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
"May they prosper who love you.
Peace be within your walls,
Prosperity within your palaces."*

One: For the sake of my brethren and companions,
I will now say, "Peace be with in you."
Because of the house of the Lord our God
I will seek your good.

All: *I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go into the house of the Lord."*

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Congregational Singing

Peace before us (vv. 1, 3, 4)

STS 16

Praise the One who breaks the darkness

STS 1

CONFESSION read together

Forgive us, Lord, for not expecting you, even when you have told us that you are coming.

Forgive us, Lord, for being asleep, even when you have asked us to wait for you.

Forgive us, Lord, for our carelessness, when all you have asked of me is to care.

Forgive us, Lord, for failing to see you, when your face is so obvious.

Blessed be our God, who invites us to walk in the light of the Lord!

Congregational Song

Come, Light of the world

STS 3

Alternate text: *Come, walk in the Light*

Children's Lesson

PROCLAMATION

OT Scripture: Isaiah 2:1-5

NT Scripture: Romans 13:11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24: 36-44

Sermon: "Already, but not yet"

RESPONDING

Song of Response

Christ is the world's true light

HWB 334

Congregational Life Sharing and Prayer

One: O Lord in your mercy/goodness,

All: Hear our prayer.

Announcements

Offering

SENDING

Sending Song

I want to walk as a child of the light

STJ 95

Benediction

MINISTRY LEADERS TODAY

Greeter: Welby Showalter

Worship Leader: Bonnie Stutzman

Preacher: Ervin Stutzman

Usher: Jeremy Beach

Foyer: Paul & Mary Leaman

Sound Operator: Clay Showalter

Music Leader: Jim Clymer

Musicians: Rebekah Compagnari,

Children's Lesson: Sarah Piper

Audrey Shenk, and

Worship Arts: Erin Beeker

Clay & Joanna Showalter

Nursery: Marci M. & Emma R.

Scripture Reader: Betty Lou Buckwalter

Advent wreath candle lighting: Marcus & Lynae Maust family

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH

- Pray for Sara Halteman and her family as they make hard decisions about treatment options to deal with the recurrence of cancer. Pray for God's mercy, healing and wisdom to surround them.
- Pray for Audrey Shenk as she cares for her parents with health challenges. Pray for wisdom as the family makes decisions together.
- Pray for Shirley Kuykendall who is recovering in Oak Lea at Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community. She appreciates visits, cards and phone calls.
- Thank God for Doug Alderfer's successful hip surgery.
- Pray for persons in our community without adequate shelter or other basic needs.
- Pray for God's empowerment for those with unspoken requests.
- Pray for Ervin Stutzman (preacher), Dave King (worship leader), and Sara Halteman (music leader) as they prepare for the worship service next week.

GOD'S MISSION AND THE WIDER CHURCH - Pray that the Church would be revived for God's mission.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND COUNTRY - Pray that the Church would exemplify God's love in our communities and country.

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD - Pray for the people of the Philippines, a country made up of more than 7000 islands and 104 million people in Asia. It was a Spanish colony for three centuries before the United States took over in the early 20th century. It gained full independence in 1946.



STATISTICS FOR NOVEMBER 24, 2019

Attendance: 109

Offering: \$ 7,143.31

Building Fund: \$300

Offering YTD: \$226,090

MCC Immigration kits: \$3,360 (48 kits)

Needed by end of year: \$48,660 (We decided to change this figure from the goal since our end-of-year goal has changed.)

Much gratitude for your generous giving to ZMC!

Zion Mennonite Church

3260 Zion Church Road, Broadway, VA 22815
www.zmcva.org 540-896-7577 zmcvaoffice@gmail.com

Sunday school: 9:30 am • Worship service: 10:43 am

December 1, 2019 - Insert

UPCOMING MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS:

| | <u>December 8, 2019</u> | <u>December 15, 2019</u> |
|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| <u>Greeters:</u> | Grant & Susan Stoltzfus | Grant & Susan Stoltzfus |
| <u>Worship Leader:</u> | Dave King | TBD |
| <u>Preacher:</u> | Ervin Stutzman | Clyde Kratz |
| <u>Music Leader:</u> | Sara Halteman | Jackson Maust |
| <u>Sound Operator:</u> | Neal Weaver | David Rohrer |
| <u>Nursery:</u> | Catherine M. & Amy R. | Lynae M. & Sadie G. |
| <u>Foyer Monitor:</u> | Mark & Tammy Gray | Grant Stoltzfus |
| <u>Usher:</u> | Jeremy Beach | Jeremy Beach |
| <u>Worship Arts:</u> | Erin Beeker | Erin Beeker |

- Please make sure all drinks in the sanctuary are in a closed container.
- Please see an usher if you need a hearing assistance device.

Scripture for 2019: 2 Corinthians 5:17-18 (NRSV)-¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation;

Thank God for the birthdays this week:

Phoebe Brenneman

IMMIGRATION KITS Report - You caring Zion folks are once again doing what you do so well - sharing generously with others in need. So far, kit money has come in for 48 immigration kits; this is wonderful! If you haven't contributed yet and would like the joy of doing so, you can drop it in this morning's offering, specifying for MCC Immigration Kits or give it to Zion's treasurer, Audrey Shenk. A big THANK YOU! The final count will be reported on December 8th.

Upcoming Events:

December 8: You are invited to join The Walking Roots Band for Singing Light, a Christmas music benefit concert to support MCC's development efforts around the world. The concert will be in the EMHS auditorium and begins at 7 pm. For additional information and to reserve tickets, please visit www.singinglight.org

The Shenandoah Valley Choral Society's 50th anniversary Christmas concert: Friday, **December 13** at 7:30 pm, and Sunday, **December 15** at 3:00 pm at Bridgewater Church of the Brethren. The concert will feature John Rutter's "Magnificat" accompanied by the SVCS Chamber orchestra and guest soloist, Anne Wick. The second half of the concert includes a variety of new and traditional carol settings highlighted by the premier of a new arrangement of the French carol "Patapan" by the nationally known composer Howard Helvey, commissioned in celebration of SVCS's anniversary year. Audrey Shenk and Welby Showalter are singing with the choir. www.singshenandoah.org.

December 15: Girls Club-VMRC Caroling, 3 pm.
MYF Christmas party at Blosser's, 7 pm.

Everyone is invited to Zion's Annual Christmas Program & Tea. The celebration will be on Wednesday, **December 18**, at 6:30 pm. The program will consist of special music from the children's department and adult ensembles, skits, readings, and singing Christmas carols. A time of refreshments and fellowship will follow the program. Please bring a snack to share.

December 22: Zion Christmas Caroling, 6 pm. More details to come.

Dec. 24: Northern District Christmas Eve Service at Lindale, 6:30 pm.

Join us for a Christmas breakfast during the Sunday School hour on Sunday, **December 29**, 9:30 am. Please bring finger foods, casseroles, pastries, or whatever you are inspired to share. Hospitality will provide coffee and juice. A worship service of scripture and songs will follow the breakfast with prelude music beginning at 10:35 am.

*At Zion Mennonite Church we follow Jesus as we worship God,
nurture faith, minister love, and share hope with neighbors near and far.*