

**North Goshen Mennonite Church**

December 17, 2017

**Advent 3**

Los que confían en elSEÑOR  
renovarán sus fuerzas;  
volarán como las águilas:  
correrán y no se fatigarán,  
caminarán y no se cansarán. Isaías 40:31

Those who wait for theLORDrenew their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary,  
they shall walk and not faint. Isaiah 40:31

*Glory, let there be peace*

*To us a child of hope is born*

Hymnal: A Worship Book 189

Welcome & Call to Worship

Brad Graber

Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts

*Hope is a candle*

Sing the Story 15

Congregational Prayer

Drama

Robert, Erin, Francisco & Kristina Behan Morillo

Written by Jacob Liechty

After "O come, O come, Immanuel" is played,  
the children (age 4-2nd grade) are dismissed for children's church

"We are ready to give up (but Christ is giving us hope)" (Isaiah 40:21-31)

Mark Schloneger

*They that wait upon the Lord*

Hymnal: A Worship Book 584

*Nothing is lost on the breath of God*

Sing the Story 121

Benediction

## Announcements

- **The Community Meal** will be this Wednesday, December 20, 6pm. Bring a dish to share and join in the fellowship with our church neighbors.
- **Holiday Schedule** –Next Sunday, December 24, we will begin our worship at the regular time, 10:15am. There will be no Sunday School.
- Notice the location change:** Our Christmas Eve Service will begin at 6:30pm in the Meeting House at Greencroft, Healthcare. Enter off of 15th Street, there is a new entrance into healthcare (the last sign on the left), across from Evergreen. Once inside the folks at the desk will be happy to direct you to the Meeting House.
- **Offering envelopes**, if you are using them, will be in your box next Sunday. Any changes, like requesting envelopes or canceling use, should be discussed with Merv Helmuth.
- **Christmas Greetings**, for inclusion in the Plowshare, should be given to the secretary, Cheryl Beachey, or placed in her literature box before December 18.
- **Congratulations** to Joel Unzicker & Erica Miller who were married on yesterday, December 16!
- **There is still time!** Chamberlain school is looking for volunteers to help in the Christmas store which students will shop on Thursday, December 21. There are several shifts to choose from so check out the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board across from the secretary's office.

## **Nurture**

**Sunday school classes for all ages** are held from 9-10am

**Children's Church:** *To help assure the safety of the children, we ask that a responsible person meet your children at the Children's Church door as soon as they are dismissed.*

**Today:** Carla & Christopher Crow, Bonnie Cripe, Tessa Sommers

**Childcare** is available in the basement nursery for children ages 3 years and younger.

**Today:** Joel & Erica Unzicker, Jackie Ramirez

## **Our Prayers**

**Those unable to attend services:** Bill Yoder, Thelma Harley, Judy Yoder, Elroy & Alberta Troyer  
**Pastor Mario, Carmen and family** with the San Lucas Church, our sister church in San Martin, Mexico.

**Those recovering:** Ruby Snyder had back surgery, is recovering at the Gables at Greencroft, room 506, & enjoys visits.

**Congregational members** who have lost spouses and family members.

*If you have a prayer concern or need, you are encouraged to contact Mark Schloneger, Izaete Nafziger or one of the Elders, either after worship today or during the week.  
Available elders are Bob Steury, Gail Yoder & Randy Lehman.*

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