

*Groffdale Mennonite  
Church*



**First Sunday of Advent**

***December 1, 2019***

# *Groffdale Mennonite Church*

**Our Mission:** To be a healing community of believers passionately committed to Jesus as Lord through worship, nurture, and outreach.  
Every member a minister!

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***Welcome! We are glad you are here!***

**8:30 a.m. Pre-service Prayer Time** (conference room #201)

**9:00 a.m. Sunday School**

Prelude - Joe Jaskolka

**10:00 a.m. Worship Service**

Welcome and Call to Worship: Andres Prins

Gathering Song: Keith Stoltzfus

Offering: Groffdale Missionaries/EMM/Groffdale Sewing Circle

Offertory: Joe Jaskolka

(Children come forward)

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Pastor Tom, Andres and Angelica Prins

Children's Time

Worship in Song: Olivia Imchen

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 2: 1-5

Matthew 24:36-44

Sermon: Pastor Tom Eshleman

Title: "Our Wait Begins"

Song of Response

Prayer and Benediction

## Serving Today:

Greeters - Charles and Fern Bauman

Ushers - Glen and Joyce Shenk

Projectionist - Tanner Eshleman

Sound Technician - Harold Musselman



## Bring these situations to God in prayer:

- ◆ Pastor Austin as he recovers from a minor motorcycle accident. Pray for healing of his broken rib and bruised vertebrae.
- ◆ Paul Reiff as he and his family grieve the passing of his wife, Arlene.
- ◆ Continue to pray for the family of John, Kathy, Sara and Carsen Frey as they remember the life of John's sister, Sandra.
- ◆ Robert Hahn as he adjusts to living at the Fairlane Gardens nursing facility in Reading.
- ◆ Praise God that Becki's visa has arrived! Pray for God's continued guidance and discernment for Becki.
- ◆ Kayley Eshleman as she and other Vida220 participants enter the final three weeks of the training component in Costa Rica and prepare for their outreaches in January. Kayley flies home on December 20 and returns to Honduras on January 2.
- ◆ Our congregation as we enter the season of Advent and experience "God with us."
- ◆ Angelica Prins as she prepares to fly to Paraguay on December 4 to spend time with her family.
- ◆ Brian, Krista, Brandon and Lucinda Snader in Kenya.
- ◆ Dave Moore as he studies, learns, and builds relationships in the STEP program through Lancaster Mennonite Conference (LMC).

## Events This Week

Tuesday: **Sewing Circle**, 9:00 a.m. at the church

Wednesday: **Morning prayer group**, 8:30 a.m. at the church

**Youth Group**, 7:00 p.m. at the church

Sunday: **8:30 a.m. prayer**—all are welcome

*Next Sunday, December 8, 2019*

Prelude/Offertory: Linda Myers  
Worship Leader: Lloyd Weaver  
Praise Music: Christmas Hymns  
Hymns: Rick Umble  
Sermon: Pastor Tom Eshleman  
Theme: 2nd Sunday of Advent

Projectionist: Chris Martin  
Sound technician: Dean Myers  
Offering: Leadership Support  
Greeters: Dave and Dawn Moore  
Ushers: John and Kathy Frey

**CHRISTMAS TEA**

**Sunday, December 22 - 9:00 AM in the all purpose room  
(Sunday School classes will not meet)**

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**

**Tuesday, December 24 - 6:30 PM  
6:30 pm—Candlelight Service**



**Mark your calendars and invite  
family and friends to these special events**

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