



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

**Our Vision:** A growing community of disciples of Jesus, expressing Christ's redeeming love and reconciliation.

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Prelude by Joe Jaskolka

Opening Song led by Rick Umble

    "For God So Loved Us (Blue Hymnal #167)

Welcome and Call to Worship by Becki Day

Offering for Groffdale Missionaries and EMM

    (20% Groffdale Sewing Circle)

Children and Youth Time led by Pastor Krista Snader

Advent song led by Lisa Zimmerman and Jen Eshleman

    "Light of the World"

Lighting the Second Candle of Advent: Peace

    Written by Brian Snader

Worship songs led by Rick

    "Fling Wide the Door, Unbar the Gate" (Blue Hymnal #186)

    "Oh How Shall I Receive Thee" (Blue Hymnal #182)

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9:1-7; Psalms 24:7

Sermon by Steve Lindsey

    "From the Prophet to the Prince of Peace"

Closing Song

    "To Us a Child of Hope is Born" (Blue Hymnal #189)

Sharing Time and Prayer

Benediction



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**TODAY: Faythe Roberts:** Sunday, December 7

**Lexi Kreiner:** Monday, December 8

**Joyce Shenk:** Monday, December 8

**HAPPY 86th BIRTHDAY TO MINERVA NOLT:** Wednesday, December 10

**Carylon Wyble:** Wednesday, December 10



**Second Sunday of Advent**

Our theme this year comes from Psalm 24: 7 (NIRV)

*Open wide, you gates.*

*Open up, you ancient doors.*

*Then the King of glory will come in.*

God calls each of us to open wide the gates of our hearts to the transforming renewal of Jesus.

God calls us to open wide our gates to a world that needs to experience the love and compassion of Jesus.

During Advent you are invited to bring **hygiene kit items** (list of items is on the back table) and new or gently used **children's books**. The children and youth will be collecting these during the service on Sunday mornings. The items will be donated to CVSEEDS who serve families in the areas of housing, education and health. Thank you!

***Bring to the Lord in prayer:***

Pray for healing and restored health for Faythe Roberts.

Pray for Steve Lindsey as he brings our message today.

Pray for Pastor Krista as she has her ordination credentialing interview with LMC on Wednesday December 10 at 9:30.

Pray for Jeff Martin (husband of Connie) as he anticipates surgery on December 15.

Pray for James and Melani as they prepare to come to the US for Christmas.

Pray for Andres and Angelica as they return to Morocco after extended time with Angelica's family in Paraguay.

Pray for Lily Zimmerman and the Mennonite Children's Choir as they hold their Christmas concerts. The final concert is today (Sunday afternoon at 4:00 pm at Neffsville Mennonite Church.)

Pray for Roy Reiff who is receiving chemotherapy.

### ***Important happenings***

**On Wednesday December 10**, Pastor Krista Snader will be meeting with the LMC Credentialing Commission for her interview leading up to ordination. We invite your prayers for Krista as she anticipates this important event in her life and ministry.

**On Thursday, December 11** Welsh Mountain Home will be hosting a Christmas Open House from 1pm –8pm.  
See more details on the brochures on the front and back tables.

Recently Steve Lindsey was elected as chairman of the board of Everence. Let's pray for Steve as he leads the board with wisdom, courage and grace.

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A reminder of the contact information for Robert and Anna Nolt. We are grateful that they could join us for worship last Sunday!

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Anna's cell: 717-615-2132  
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**Morning Prayer Group** meets every Wednesday at 8:30am in the Conference Room. Everyone is invited to join this group for a meaningful time of prayer and fellowship.

**Sewing Circle will meet on Tuesday, December 9 at 9am.** We will be packing cookie plates for shut-ins and friends. Please bring 4 dozen cookies. Sandwiches will be provided for lunch; please bring a finger food to share.



As a way to share worship music between the generations, the Groffdale youth invite you to listen to the song "O What A King" by Katy Nicole.

***Thank you to those serving in our worship  
service today!***

Ushers: Glen and Joyce Shenk

Projectionist: Diane Weaver

Sound Tech: Jeff Martin

Live Stream: Chris Martin

Camera Operator: Mim Auker

***Serving next Sunday, December 14***

Prelude: Linda Myers

Hymns Leader: Lisa Zimmerman

Worship Leader: Richard

Buckwalter

Sermon: Pastor Tom Eshleman

Sound: Dale Weaver

Projectionist : Diane Weaver

Livestream: Jim Evans

Camera: Dawn Moore

Ushers: Glenn Hershey and

Charles Bauman

Offering: Leadership Support

### OFFERING

Listed below are the totals for last week's offerings and deposits. Thank you for your giving!

Church Facilities	\$2,882.00
Leadership Support	\$ 635.00
Program Fund	\$ 110.00



### ***WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITORS!***

*We are so glad you are joining us for worship this morning and we hope you come again. We invite you to fill out one of the guest cards found on the back of the church benches and place the completed card in the offering basket.*

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