

# Preston Mennonite Church

*Being transformed by and extending God's love  
through worship, hospitality and service*

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## Advent 3: God's Peaceable Kingdom

### **PRELUDE**

### **GATHERING TO WORSHIP**

Welcome

Hymn: HWB 212

"O come, all ye faithful, verses  
1-3"

Call to worship

*(responsive--see back page)*

Psalms 126

Children's coin offering for their Advent project to  
White Owl Native Ancestry for children in  
foster care

Invitation to offering

Prayer of dedication

Lighting the Advent candle of Joy

Hymn: STS 15 "Hope is a candle," verse 1, 2 & 4

### **ENTERING INTO THE MYSTERY OF CHRISTMAS**

Confession

*(see back of bulletin)*

Words of Assurance

*(see back of bulletin)*

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11  
Announcements

Today our children bring us our Advent message!  
With much thanks to Krista Kinsie for working with the  
script, assigning the parts and directing the pageant!  
Thanks to all the parents for practicing the parts with  
their children.

**CAST OF CHARACTERS:**

|   |                                 |
|---|---------------------------------|
| <b>Reader, Gabriel, Reader, Joseph,<br/>Reader</b>        | <b>Ryan Schaefer</b>            |
| <b>Reader, Shepherd, Reader</b>                           | <b>Charlie Panning</b>          |
| <b>Reader, One of Magi, Reader</b>                        | <b>Jonathan Yao</b>             |
| <b>Isaiah, Reader, Reader, Reader, Magi</b>               | <b>Grace Kinsie</b>             |
| <b>Reader, Elizabeth, Magi, Reader</b>                    | <b>Carly Winkler</b>            |
| <b>Zechariah, Reader, Zechariah,<br/>Shepherd, Reader</b> | <b>Shawn Xiao</b>               |
| <b>Reader, Shepherd, Reader</b>                           | <b>Jaxson Gibson-<br/>Krete</b> |
| <b>Reader, Mary, Reader, Mary, Reader</b>                 | <b>Faith Kinsie</b>             |

# **A Time for Waiting**

by Rochelle A. Stackhouse

## **SCENE ONE: ISAIAH**

Hymn: HWB 211 "Lo, how a rose"

## **SCENE TWO: ZECHARIAH & GABRIEL**

Hymn: HWB 172 "O come, O come, Immanuel,  
verses 1 & 6"

## **SCENE THREE: MARY & GABRIEL**

Hymn: HWB 178 "Come, thou long-expected  
Jesus"

## **SCENE FOUR: MARY & ELIZABETH**

Hymn: STS 124 "My soul cries out, verses 1-2"

## **SCENE FIVE: ZECHARIAH & ELIZABETH**

Hymn: HWB 176 "Comfort, comfort, O my  
people, verses 1-2"

## **SCENE SIX: SHEPHERDS, ANIMALS & MAGI**

Hymn: HWB 191 "O little town of Bethlehem,  
verse 1"

## **MARY & JOSEPH**

Hymn: HWB 191 "O little town of Bethlehem,  
verse 2"

## **ALL: MARY, JOSEPH, GABRIEL, ANGELS, MAGI, SHEPHERDS, ISAIAH, ELIZABETH, ZECHARIAH**

Hymn: Praise 182 "Angels from the realms of  
glory"

**SENDING**

The cast takes a bow. (*Applause*)

Hymn: HWB 318 "Joy to the World, verses 1-2"

Blessing: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

**POSTLUDE**

**Parents and grandparents are invited to celebrate with your children with a simple meal and a birthday cake for Baby Jesus in the fellowship hall downstairs after the service.**



***Welcome to our visitors!*** We hope our time of worship has been an encouragement to you. Please sign our guest book in the front foyer! God bless you and we hope to see you again!

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP IN THE FOYER—ALL WELCOME!**

**Adult Discussion Class:** will resume on Sunday January 7, 2018. Please bring your suggestions/ideas for materials or issues you would like to focus on during the winter season. (note: no class on Sun Jan 14)

## **CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Fairview has purchased a bus!!!** Watch for details as to when bus rides will start! Today's car driver: Dave Bechtel  
Next Sunday: Fred & Nancy

## **WIDER CHURCH & COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**Global Migration Film Festival**, Dec 5-18, see poster on bulletin board for films and locations. Free admission!

**Messiah Sing-A-Long** with orchestra and soloists at St. Jacobs Mennonite Church on Sun Dec 17 at 3 pm. Donations accepted, tax receipts for over \$20.

**Langs Community Dinners!** From 5:30 to 7:30 pm on Dec 19, drop in for a free dinner!

**Dennis Wikerd Retirement Celebration:** Sun Jan 14, 2pm-5pm at Rockway Mennonite Collegiate. Join in the celebration of Dennis' contribution over almost 40 years of teaching at Rockway.

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