

About the Cover: Marian Hostetler, a member of North Goshen Mennonite Church since 1967, is generously offering her artistic gifts to guide us through this season of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. Her work as a calligrapher is nothing short of extraordinary, each piece a blend of precision and poetry. Marian's creativity extends to Japanese-inspired water-color paintings, often depicting delicate birds and trees that she sometimes turns into beautiful greeting cards. Her thoughtful sketches and drawings will bring depth and meaning to the stories we are walking with together this season. We are grateful for the care she has poured into this project, which connects us visually to the hope and promise of the Advent journey.

Attendance: December 15— 72

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North Goshen Mennonite Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Embodying God's Spirit: Who Lends a Hand?

December 22, 2024

Gathering Song Todd U.
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus VT 218

Welcome & Announcements Michael Y.

Call to Worship

Songs *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* VT 216
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice VT 261
Hope Is a Candle VT 211

Candlelighting Alan, Daisy, Catalina, & Luca L.

Song *Fluye, Espiritu, Fluye*

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

Offering/Song *Here I Am, Lord* VT 545

Children's Time Erin Be-Mo, Kristina Be-Mo & Jenny G.

Scripture: Luke 1:26–49; Psalm 113 Kathy N.Y. & Jon Y.

Reflection *Walking Together* Nick King

Song *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* VT 778

Sharing Time & Prayer Ronda

Blessing & Song *There's No God As Great As You*

Today

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:15 AM Worship— Fourth Sunday of Advent

Today's Volunteers

Children's Church: Bonnie C., Harlan S., & Kristina B.M.

Nursery: Elaine Thomas, Kerry Cripe & Jenny G.

Song Leader: Erica U. /Todd Translator: Erin Be-Mo



Christmas Eve
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

December 24
9:00 pm
NGMC
Fellowship Hall

Please bring
snacks,
cookies, etc.,
to share!

Join us for a meaningful evening of song, scripture,
and candlelight as we reflect on the hope, peace, joy,
and love brought into the world through Christ's birth.

Next Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:15 Worship—Sunday following Christmas

Scripture: Luke 2:21–38; Psalm 131

Focus: *Keeping Promises: Who Sees It?*

Worship Leader: Becky H. Song Leader: Todd H.

Speaker: Izaete N. Children's Time: Erin Be-Mo

Children's Church: Daisy G.L., Michael Y., & Jenny G.

Nursery: Deena B., Alan L., & Kristina Be-Mo

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