

About the Cover: This week's image from MennoMedia's *Leader* materials invites us into Advent through a quiet night sky, where golden branches reach in like whispers of light. The artwork echoes the series theme, *Be Amazed!*, reminding us that God's presence often shimmers at the edges of our vision before we fully see it. As we continue this season of watching and waiting, the cover draws us to look up, look around, and notice the light already breaking into the darkness.

Attendance: November 30— 70

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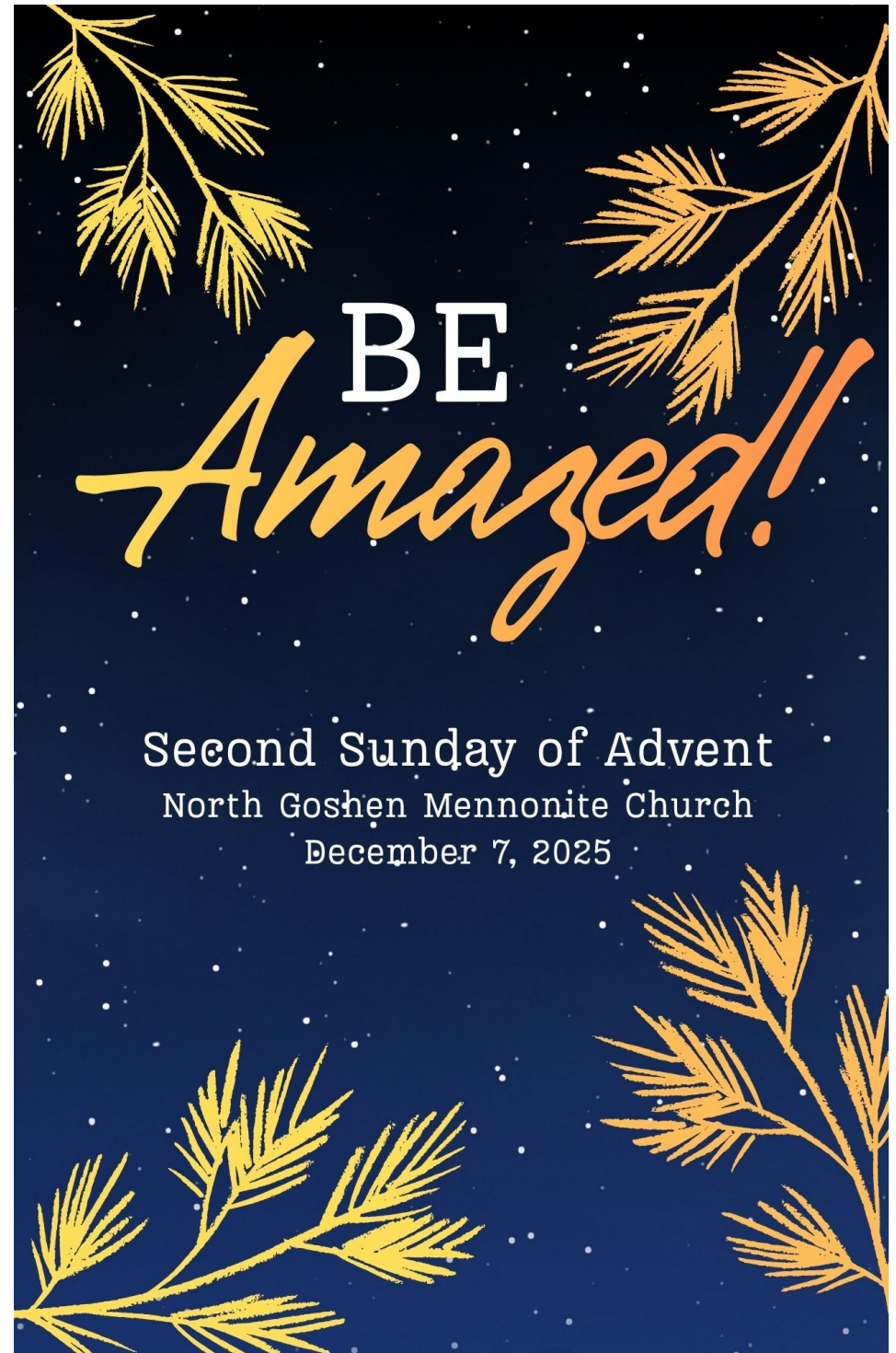
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Second Sunday of Advent
Be amazed: Peace in the Valley
Ezekiel 37:1-14
December 7, 2025

Focus Question: As we wait for Emmanuel — God with us — where do you most need to feel God's presence breathing with you?

Gathering *El cielo canta Alegría! (Heaven sings for joy)*

Welcome & Announcements Izaete N.

Doorway Scripture

Call to Worship

Advent Candle lighting Jerry & Ruth Ann W.

Candle lighting Litany

One: We have been walking through darkness,
our spirits dry and cracked from conflict,
aching for peace to restore us.

Many: Ven, Paz del mundo.

Ven a asombrarnos.

Come, Peace of the world.

Come amaze us.

**All: May your peace fill the cracks
in our dry bones and bind us together.**

Song *Hope is a Candle* VT 211
O Come, O Come, Immanuel VT 210

Offering Prayer Izaete

Song *He Came Down* (video)

Children's Story Sue L.S.
Children are dismissed for Children's Church

Storytelling: Daniel 3 Harlan S. & Izamar G..

Congregational Response
Nuestra paz está en ti, oh Dios.
Our peace is in you, O God.

Message *The God Who Breathes* Becky H.

Song *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* VT 737

Sharing our Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People Marian H.

Sending Blessing

Sending Song *You Shall Go Out with Joy* VT 847

Next Sunday - December 14

Third Sunday of Advent - Joy in the Desert

Next Sunday we gather at the desert's edge, where the prophet Isaiah cries out: "Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters!" (Isaiah 55:1-13). We'll explore joy not as happiness that depends on circumstances, but as God's abundant invitation even — especially — in dry places. As we reveal more of the Advent star, we remember that God doesn't ration grace. God throws a feast and invites everyone to come, buy wine and milk without money, eat what is good.

Next Sunday, December 14

9:00AM Sunday School

10:15 AM Worship Focus: *Third Sunday of Advent*

Scripture: Isaiah 55:1-13; Psalm 42; Isaiah 40:1-5; John 4:13-14

Worship Leader: Nick K. Song Leader: Todd H.

Speaker: Becky H. Children's Story: Reina B.

Nursery: Robert M., Hilda L., & Kristina Be-Mo

Children's Church: Elaine H., Kathy N.Y. & Jenny G.

Upcoming Events

12/9 Women's Prayer Group at Manor 4 (Tues., 9 AM)

12/10 Youth Group at Alan's (Wed., 6:30 PM)

Bilingual Group at Elaine's (Wed., 6:30 PM)

12/11 Men's Group at Peck's (Thu., 7 PM)

12/17 Community Meal (Wed., 6 PM)

12/21 Children's Christmas Program during worship

12/24 Christmas Eve Service at College Mennonite (7 PM)

1/4 Epiphany Sunday

You're Invited!

Kerry and Bonnie are opening their home (58230 Andrew Drive, Goshen) for an afternoon of connection and joy **TODAY** and you're warmly welcome to stop by **anytime between 2:00-5:00 PM**. Come for good conversation, light snacks, and the gift of simply being together. All ages are invited — bring your whole self and stay as long as you like.

Small Groups

Church council has organized small groups for our congregation. Even if you didn't fill out an interest form, you've been connected to a group. These groups are places for community and care. You're under no obligation to participate, but we want to make sure you're cared for. Small group lists are in your mailboxes today. Reach out to a council member with any questions or concerns. — NGMC Council members are: Kathy N., Jan L., Belen R., Robert M., and Nick K.

Taizé Service This Evening

Walnut Hill Mennonite Church invites the community to a **Taizé-inspired worship service this evening from 7:30-8:30 p.m.** This quiet, contemplative gathering features meditative song, Scripture, and prayer, and is part of their monthly Sunday evening Taizé series.

Christmas Eve Worship

For those who love gathering on Christmas Eve, or who are longing for a place to pause and welcome Christ's light, you are invited to **College Mennonite Church's bilingual Christmas Eve service on Tuesday, December 24 at 7:00 PM**. North Goshen's Worship Planning Team encourages us to attend *together* this year. The service will be in both English and Spanish, a beautiful way to celebrate hope with our wider community. Come as you are, and join us for this meaningful Christmas Eve gathering.

Advent through Epiphany 2025-2026: Be Amazed!

This Advent, we journey through stories of God's powerful and astonishing acts, from fire and dry bones to flowing water and finally to the incarnation itself. Week by week, we'll reveal more of the Advent star in our worship space, reminding us that God's light is always shining, slowly being revealed.

Our Journey:

- **Dec 14** - Joy in the Desert | Isaiah 55:1-13
- **Dec 21** - Love Comes Down | John 1:1-18
- **Dec 28** - God Among Us | John 1:19-34
- **Jan 4** - Stranger Who Come to See | Matthew 2:1-12



This is Advent as formation: learning to see God's presence, trust God's character, and be amazed by the ways God shows up.

Ways Children Worship With Us

At North Goshen, we celebrate children as full participants in our worship life, and we offer several options to support them — and their grown-ups — on Sunday mornings.

Children's Church is available for ages 3 through grade 4 during the second half of the service, giving kids a space to learn, play, and explore the story of faith together.

Nursery care for infants through age 3 is offered throughout the service by our team of caring adults and youth.

Buddy Bags with quiet activities, books, and art supplies are available in the narthex for children who prefer to stay in the sanctuary.

Wherever children choose to be — up front, in a pew, downstairs, or moving between spaces — their joy and presence are a welcome part of our worship

Anniversaries & Birthdays This Week

12/12 Reina Blacut

9:00 AM Sunday School Classes

Pathfinders

- Intergenerational Bible study using the Mennonite "Builder" curriculum
- Location: Curtained classroom next to kitchen in the fellowship hall
- All are welcome

Contemporary Issues and Christian Faith

- Explores current events through a Christian lens using "The Wired Word"
- Location: South corner of fellowship hall
- All ages welcome

Clase de los Amigos (Latino Bible Study)

- Bible study in Spanish
- Location: Large classroom at bottom of basement stairs
- Todos son bienvenidos

Youth Class (Grades 6-12)

- Location: Basement classroom (follow posted signs)
- All youth are welcome to attend!

Today's Volunteers

Children's Church: Joan U., Bonnie C., & Kristina Be-Mo

Nursery: Belen R., Jeff U., & Jenny G.

Tech Team: Jose J., Greg S & Tim N.

Translator: Erin Be-Mo

Speaker: Becky H.

Music Leader: Todd H.

Worship Leader: Izaete N.

Candlelighters: Jerry & Ruth Ann

Children's Story: Sue L.S.

Sunday School Greeter: Terry P.

Worship Greeter: Lola J.