

# Stone Church of the Brethren

December 3, 2023, First Sunday of Advent

How Does a Weary World Rejoice?

We Acknowledge Our Weariness

*“Sometimes weariness can harden us and prevent us from living fully. We’ve had hard journeys. Grief has left a scar on us. This is how we show up to Advent. Let us acknowledge the ways we, too, are hardened by disbelief. Like the psalmist, let us ask, “how long?” and plead for restoration.” - Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity*

WELCOME Pastor Ben

PRELUDE *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* From *Psalmodia Sacra*  
Donna & Loren Rhodes arr. Edward Broughton

\*ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING\*\* Sally Rohrbaugh

One: How does a weary world hope?

**All: By telling stories of hope,  
by lighting candles in the night,  
and planting seeds in the winter that  
will bloom in the spring.**

One: By praying for children as they grow, and  
picking up trash on the sidewalk.

**All: By insisting that small acts can make a  
difference.**

One: There are a million ways to practice hope.  
So today we light the candle of hope as a  
reminder and a charge.

**All: With God’s help, may we bring hope  
into a weary world. Amen.**

\*SONG *Light Dawns on a Weary World*<sup>^</sup> vs 1,3  
(see insert for music)

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Mini-Pageant on Luke 1:5-25

*Narrator:* Sally Rohrbaugh; *Zachariah:* Everett Lattimer;

*Gabriel:* Cyrus Lattimer;

*Crowd Leader:* Ezra Lattimer; *Crowd:* All the children of the church

\*SONG *Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus*<sup>^</sup> 178

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY Pastor Ben

INSTRUMENTAL INTERLUDE *Yearnings* Kenneth Finlay  
Loren Rhodes

SCRIPTURE Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19 Matthew Rohrbaugh

SONG *O Come, O Come, Immanuel*<sup>^^</sup> 172 vs 1,4

POEM\*\* *Wade In* Matthew Rohrbaugh  
Rev. Sarah Are Speed

SONG *O Come, O Come, Immanuel*<sup>^^</sup> 172 chorus,  
verse 6, chorus

MESSAGE *Can This Be?* Pastor Cindy

SILENCE

ANTHEM *The Yearning*<sup>^</sup> Courtney/Boersma  
(see insert for text)

SENDING Pastor Cindy

POSTLUDE *Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella* 17th c. Provençal carol  
Loren & Donna Rhodes arr. Gilbert Martin

*\*Please Rise, as Able, in Body or Spirit*

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# LIGHT DAWNS ON A WEARY WORLD

Mary Louise Bringle

TEMPLE OF PEACE  
William P. Rowan



1. Light dawns on a wea - ry world when  
2. Love grows in a wea - ry world when  
3. Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when



eyes be - gin to see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty.  
hun - gry hearts find bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed.  
crea - tures, once for - lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born.



Light dawns on a wea - ry world: the  
Love grows in a wea - ry world: the  
Hope blooms in a wea - ry world: the



prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.  
prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes. The trees shall  
prom - ised green of E - den comes.



clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs; the hills and



moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing! We shall go



out in joy, and be led forth in peace, as all the



world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

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The

Yearning  
Coutney/Boersma

There is a yearning in hearts weighed down by ancient grief  
And centuries of sorrow.

There is a yearning in hearts that in the darkness hide  
And in the shades of death abide, a yearning for tomorrow.

There is a yearning for the promised One,  
the Firstborn of creation.

There is a yearning for the Lord who visited His own,  
And by his death for sin atoned, to bring to us salvation.  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel, within our hearts, the yearning.

There is a yearning that fills the hearts of those who wait  
The day of His appearing.

There is a yearning when all our sorrows are erased  
And we shall see the One who placed within our hearts the yearning.

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, within our hearts, the yearning.  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel,  
Within our hearts, the yearning.

## Poinsettia Order Form

WE WILL BE ADORNING THE WORSHIP CENTER WITH WHITE POINSETTIAS THIS YEAR. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PLACE AN ORDER, PLEASE DO SO BY NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 13, 2023. YOU CAN FILL OUT THIS FORM AND PLACE IT IN THE OFFICE WITH A CHECK MADE OUT TO STONE CHURCH.

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**Total Amount Due** \_\_\_\_\_