



**MILWAUKEE MENNONITE CHURCH**  
**A Congregation of Mennonite Church USA**  
**November 27, 2022**

**First**  
*Sunday of Advent*

**Watch:**  
*The day is almost here*

**Focus:**  
*We need restoration, awaiting Christs' coming in our time just as the world waited before the first incarnation. In anticipation, we are to live as restored people.*

**Scriptures:**  
Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122;  
Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

**Prelude/Announcements/Welcome**

**VT 211** *Hope is a candle*

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Hear us, O Shepherd of Israel; you who sit on the mercy seat between the cherubim, we stand in your presence, seeking your face.

**People: Shine forth, O Lord, in the sight of your people, that we may see you clearly. Stir up your strength in us; come, rescue us.**

Leader: The time is near, we are watching; restore us again, O God.

**People: Cause your face to shine and we shall be saved, made whole by your gracious love and kindness.**

**All: We are watching and waiting for you, O Lord.**

**VT 210** *O Come, O Come Immanuel (vs. 1,6,7)*

**Candle-lighting liturgy**

Leader: Watch! You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep.

**People: The night is far gone, the day is near.**

Leader: As we watch, we light this candle as a sign of our hope.

**People: Bring your restoration to your people, we pray.**

**Blessing** for Jeremy, Rachel and Walden  
**Song VT 832** *The lord lift you up*

**Restoration:** Rachel ES

**Reflection:** Rachel Stolpe

**Song:** *Threshold*, David Stolpe

**Responding**

**Prayers of the people**

**Closing Song VT 239** *He came down*

**Benediction**

**Postlude:** *What Child is this - Girl Named Tom*

**Next Week - December 4, 2022**

**Tech:** TBD

**Coordinator:** Lori

**Worship:** Rachel Stolpe

**Reflection:** Rachel ES and Peter ES

**Context Question:**

Where is your community earnestly longing for restoration?

What is your role in that context of brokenness?