Gathering

Bringing in the Light - VT 210 O Come, O Come, Immanuel *Please join on the refrain.*

Call to worship Leader: Gather us in this sacred hour.

All: Creator, come.
Leader: Stir us by beauty and mystery.
All: Spirit, come.
Leader: Lead us in love towards mercy.

All: Jesus, come. VT 281 Joyful Is the Dark

Offering ourselves and our gifts

Confession and Affirmation

Leader: To those who fear, fear not! To those who hide, come out! To those who mourn, your tears are the source of a healing river.

All: Our love is stronger than our fears. Our visible presence matters. None of our tears are shed in vain.

Offering VT 601 Lead Me, Guide Me Birthdays

Hearing the Word

Children's Time (Children 3 and under are dismissed for Little Children's Time in room 2, with childcare afterward. Children 4 and up are invited up front for Children's time) Isaiah 7:10-16, Matthew 1:18-25 Sermon

Responding to the Word

Silence VT 541 Listen in the Silence Sharing our lives Singing our prayers (on back)

Sending

Introduction of Visitors Announcements (Please hand written announcements to the worship leader before this time) VT 239 He Came Down Benediction Light Dancers: Caleb Yoder Schlabach, Eliza Miller, Norah Kern, Linden and Bryn Rothshank, Kiki Smuts, Alice Kauffman, Lia Sywulka, Alyda Miller Avelar; Musicians: Magdalena Horst, Isaya Magatti, Elias Magatti, Rebecca Dengler Kaufman, Jim Kaufmann, Wilma Harder; Song leader: Scott Hochstetler; Worship Leader: Jon Zirkle; Children's Time: Rachel Hostetler; Scripture reader: Hilary Bertsche, Sandy Fribley; Preacher: Anna Yoder Schlabach; Sharing: Scott Coulter; Tech hosts: Ben Good-Elliott, Patrick Coonan; Visuals: Stephen Lowe, Anna Yoder Schlabach, Kay Bontrager-Singer, co-pastor of Faith MC

Join us 2nd hr. for a congregational meeting in the Worship space. This will be a first reading of a proposal to sponsor the Montessori Preschool that meets in our building. A Zoom option is available; those on Zoom will not be able to give input into discussions.

Upcoming Events:

Longest Night service: Dec 21, 7 pm

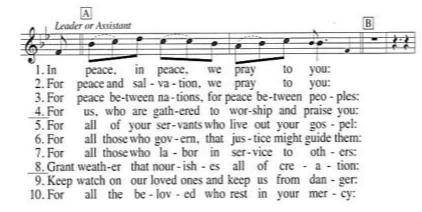
Christmas Eve service/supper: Dec 24, 6pm. Sign up in Gathering space Christmas Day Worship with Faith Mennonite: Dec 25, 5pm New Year's Day Breakfast Potluck: Jan 1, 9:30am, worship at 10:30 am

HEARING ASSISTANCE

This worship space has two systems to help people with hearing loss participate more fully in our life together.

1. FM system. Get a receiver and ear speaker from the sound booth. 2. Hearing Loop accessed by hearing aids with t-coils. Find a seat in the worship space and turn on the t-coils in your hearing aids. (You do not need a receiver or headphones.) If you aren't getting great reception on your hearing aid, try moving closer to the middle of the circle. There is a map at the sound booth showing where the best seats are.









Advent: Restoration is Near Do not be Afraid December 18, 2022







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