### 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

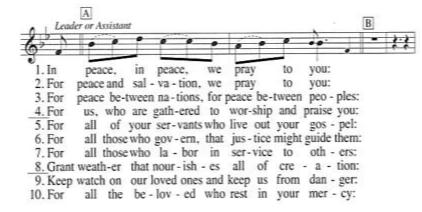
Christmas Eve service/supper: Dec 24, 6pm. Sign up in Gathering space Christmas Day Worship with Faith Mennonite: Dec 25, 5pm New Year's Day Breakfast Potluck: Jan 1, 9:30am, worship at 10:30 am

## 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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