

Assembly Mennonite Church

A Service of Lessons & Carols

December 31, 2023

Brilliant Light

VT 240 [Joy to the World](#)

Welcome & Call to Worship

Isaiah 9:2-6

VT 269 [Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light](#)

Strong Arm & Shepherd

Piano Solo: *Emmanuel Comes* (arr. Hayes)

Isaiah 40:1-11

VT 212 [Comfort, Comfort, O My People](#)

Deliverance & Salvation

VT 221 [The Angel Gabriel Called Mary Blessed](#)

Luke 1:26-38

VT 246 [Come, Join in Mary's Prophet-Song](#)

Matthew 1:18-24

Offering – VT 215 [Oh, How Shall I Receive Thee](#)

Firstborn

VT 245 [O Little Town of Bethlehem](#)

Luke 2:1-7

Children's Time

Messiah

Piano Duet: *Away in a Manger* (arr. Kern)

Luke 2:8-20

VT 276 [Solemn Stillness, Weary Streets](#)

Newborn Ruler

Piano Duet: *The First Noel* (arr. Owen)

Matthew 2:1-12

VT 267 & 268 [What Child is This / Helpless and Hungry](#)

Sharing & Pastoral Prayer

True Light

Piano Duet: *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (arr. Goss, Holland & Betts)

John 1:1-18

Introduction of Visitors, Announcements

VT 274 [See Whose Glory Fills the Skies](#)

Worship & Song Leader: Becky Snider; Readers: Thomas Bona, Patricia Ebersole Zwiier, Becky Smuts, Jim Stump, Kiki Smuts, Bethany Swope, Amy & Tom Kauffman; Children's time: Chris Stump; Musicians: Patricia Nuyken, Randy Roth, Leon Bauman, Ana Yoder Coulter & Emma Coulter; Graham, Claire, and Cole Ricci; Sharing & pastoral prayer: Lora Nafziger; Tech Crew: Sean Smuts, Marshall King; Visuals: Quilted banners by Lois Kaufmann, arrangement by Kay Bontrager-Singer

If you have an announcement that pertains to the whole congregation, please get it in writing to the worship leader.

There is no Sunday School or Second Hour today. Those able and inclined are invited to help reorient the chairs from the circle toward the platform.

Coming Up:

Women's Christmas, Saturday, January 6, 10a-3p

Women's Christmas offers an opportunity at the end of the holiday season to celebrate with friends and to gather ourselves before diving into the year ahead. Suggested \$10 donation. Please sign up in the gathering space by today.

Epiphany/ Assembly's 50th Birthday kick off Sunday, January 7, 9:30 a.m.