

Assembly Mennonite Church
Advent 2023
Promises in the Dark
December 10, 2023

Gathering

Light Processional - VT 228 [Wait for the Lord](#)
Welcome, Call to Worship
VT 212 [Comfort, Comfort, O My People](#)

Offering ourselves and our money

Offering: VT 220 [Prepare the Way! the Prophet Called](#)
Parent/Child Dedications

Evelyn Carol Graber Roth – Parents Adam & Karen Graber Roth

Oliver Andrew McIntyre – Parents Alex & Ashley McIntyre

Telling God's Story

Children's time
Isaiah 40:1-11

L: The stories of God for the people of God

P: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Sharing our Stories

VT 218 [Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus](#)
Sermon response/Sharing from our lives

Sending

Introduction of Visitors
Announcements
VT 849 [We, Your People, Sing Your Praises](#)
Benediction

Thanks to: Worship Leader: Sean Smuts; Song Leader: Stephen Lowe;
Musicians: Leon Bauman, Patricia Nuyken, Anna and Caleb Yoder Schlabach,
Eli Kauffman, Becky Snider, Ira Siemens-Rhodes, Aaron Hochstetler; Light
Bearers: Emma Coulter, Reuben Graber Roth, Mabel Miller Avelar, Levi
Miller, Auggie Nafziger-Rhodes, Julian Quintana, Bryn Rothshank; Scripture
Reader: Kiki Smuts; Children's time: Joni Yost; Sermon: Isaiah Friesen;
Parent-child dedication, pastoral sharing and prayer: Lora Nafziger; Tech
Crew: Patrick Coonan, Phil Good-Elliott, 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.*

Second Hour: Coffee & hot drinks will be served in the gathering space this
Sunday to make room for the advent spiral. Please get your drink and then
continue visiting in the worship space or participate in one of the two
activities listed below.

- A gratitude activity being led by Brooke Rothshank in the
Multipurpose space North. Please get your coffee and enter through
the door across from the office. (Please stay for the whole time)
- An opportunity to walk the advent spiral. Please enter through the
east doors. There are instructions on the door to the multipurpose
space and on the tables inside the space. Please enter and exit
quietly and follow the instructions. (Come and Go)

Coming up in Advent:

Adult Candle Dipping Fundraiser: Sunday December 10, 2:00 p.m. Steve
Shantz's home (60728 CR 27, Goshen) Come to make candles and pay off
the mortgage! \$10 donation per candle pair. Please come!

Longest Night Service: Thursday, December 21, 7 p.m.

Christmas Eve Service, December 24, 6 p.m. Multipurpose space and
worship space

5:15 p.m.: Candle Dance rehearsal

6 p.m.: Join us for a simple soup and bread supper, followed by a play and
candle dance. A sign up for supper is in the gathering space.