

Assembly Mennonite Church

Advent 2023

Promises in the Dark

December 24, 2023

Gathering

VT 228 [*Wait for the Lord*](#) Light Processional

Welcome, Call to Worship

Hymn VT 223 [*Bless'd be the God of Israel*](#)

Offering ourselves and our money

Offering VT 239 [*He Came Down*](#)

Telling God's Story

Children's time

Children 3 and under are dismissed for Little Children's time, following that there is child care available. Children 4-11 are invited to come up for children's time.

Luke 1:5-13 (14-25), 57-80

L: The stories of God for the people of God

P: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Sharing our Stories

Hymn VT 238 [*Wisdom from on High Is Dawning*](#)

Sermon response/Sharing from our lives

Sending

Introduction of Visitors

Announcements

Hymn VT 210 [*O Come, O Come, Immanuel st. 4,5,6,7*](#)

Benediction

Thanks to: Worship Leader: Kimberly Glick; Song Leader: Mary Lehman Yoder; Light Bearers: Emma Coulter, Reuben Graber Roth, J Kern, Bryn Rothshank; Scripture Reader: Bruce Glick; Children's time: Anna Yoder Schlabach; Sermon: Regina Shands Stoltzfus; Pastoral sharing and prayer: Anna Yoder Schlabach; Tech Crew: Eric Kaufmann, Glenn Gilbert
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 2nd hour this Sunday. There are no hot drinks available after worship in order to set up for the Christmas Eve service. Please help set up if you are able.

Coming up this season:

Christmas Eve service & supper December 24, 6 p.m. Candle dance rehearsal at 5:15pm.

Breakfast potluck, December 31, 9:30 a.m.

Bring a festive finger food dish to share and your own place settings. Followed by a service of Lessons & Carols at 10:30 a.m.

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.

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