Assembly Mennonite Church
December 24, 2017

Advent 4 -Yes! Let it be now

**GATHERING**

Music for gathering

Call to worship

L: Yes! The invitation to carry Light comes to each of us, no matter who we are.

**P: O God, you choose to dwell within us. You promise to move about with us until we find our rest in you.**

L: Your call seems risky; saying yes takes away our breath. Yet we know your

faithfulness and steadfast love endure forever.

**P: You are our Strength. Yes! Let it be now.**

Advent processional - *Christe, Lux Mundi* (handout)

 “**Christe, lux mundi, qui sequitur habebit lumen vitae, lumen vitae”**

Welcome

**EXPECTING**

Confession and Affirmation

HWB 172 O come, O come, Immanuel vs 1,2, 3, 6

HWB 211 Lo, how a Rose e’er blooming

**OFFERING**

Offering: HWB 186 Fling wide the door, unbar the gate!

Annunciation- Denise Levertov

**HEARING THE WORD**

Children’s Time

Holy baby, Holy child (handout)

Luke 1:26-38

STS 11 No wind at the window

Sermon “Yield to Love”

**RESPONDING**

Silence

Music for reflection

Sharing from our lives

Pastoral Prayer

**SENDING**

Benediction

HWB 208 Love came down at Christmas

**1st Hour participants:** Mary Gilbert, song leader; Elisa Kurtz, Aydian Smuts, Alta Good-Elliott, Conrad Dickens, Advent processional; Anna Yoder Schlabach, worship leader; Mary Gilbert, children’s time, Gwen Gustafson-Zook, sermon; Regina Shands Stoltzfus, Carmen Horst, scripture/poetry readers; Lora Nafziger, pastoral prayer; Bethany Swope, Lois Kaufmann, Kate Shantz, visuals; Benjamin Good-Elliot, Rebecca Dengler Kaufman, musicians.

No Sunday school second hour. Anyone willing to help set up for the Christmas Eve supper and program, or Children wishing to practice for the play, can meet in the worship space after 1st hour.

Join us this evening at 6pm for the Christmas Eve Soup and Bread supper and program.