

## Gathering

Bringing in the Light - VT 210 O Come, O Come, Immanuel

*Please join on the refrain.*

Call to worship

VT 212 Comfort, Comfort, O My People

## Offering ourselves and our gifts

Confession and Affirmation

One: Amid chaos and destruction,  
you, O God, are forging a new path;  
its construction is almost complete.

**All: We yearn to travel on this newly paved road  
toward healing, wholeness, and redemption.**

Offering

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*)

Matthew 3:1-12

Sermon

## Responding to the Word

Silence

Sharing our lives

Singing our prayers (on back)

## Sending

Introduction of Visitors

Announcements (*Please get oral announcements to the worship leader in writing before this time*)

VT 220 Prepare the Way! the Prophet Called

Benediction

Second Hour:

**Hot beverages will not be available until the Fellowship meal.**

**Sunday school** - Children through 3rd grade will have Sunday school as usual and then join in the end of the Messiah singing. 4th grade and above will be with parents/mentors and participating in the Messiah singing.

**Messiah sing along in worship space** - Join us for this annual tradition.

A second option, in the MP space, is to write letters of support for detained immigrants in Arizona.

Light Dancers: Caleb Yoder Schlabach, Eliza Miller, Saya Quintana, Linden and Bryn Rothshank, Kiki Smuts, Alice Kauffman, Lia Sywulka, Alyda Miller Avelar; Musicians: Emery Beechy-King, Jamie Lake, Patricia Roth Nuyken; Song leader: Becky Snider; Worship Leader: Bethany Swope; Children's Time: Rachel Hostetler; Scripture reader: Caleb Morris; Preacher: Karl Shelly; Sharing: Lora Nafziger; Tech hosts: Trevor Daugherty, Marshall King. Visuals: Stephen Lowe, Anna Yoder Schlabach, Kay Bontrager-Singer, co-pastor of Faith Mennonite Church. Messiah singalong conductor: Brian Mast. Thanks to all the volunteer musicians. Thanks to the Hospitality committee and all volunteers helping with fellowship meal.

*This week:*

- **Holden Evening Prayer** (Assembly & Faith): 20-minute service each Sunday of Advent, 7:30 pm at the Meetinghouse
- **K-grade 5 candle dipping at Steve Shantz's:** Wed Dec 7, 6:30 & 7:30pm. 60728 CR 27, Goshen
- **Christmas cookie exchange:** Sign up today in the Gathering space to deliver cookies to three households and receive cookie plates from three households on Sunday, Dec 11.

*All*  
 [A] *repeat continuously* [B]

Hmm. God of mer-cy, hold us in love.

[A] *Leader or Assistant* [B]

1. In peace, in peace, we pray to you:
2. For peace and sal - va - tion, we pray to you:
3. For peace be-tween na-tions, for peace be-tween peo - ples:
4. For us, who are gath-ered to wor-ship and praise you:
5. For all of your ser-vants who live out your gos - pel:
6. For all those who gov - ern, that jus - tice might guide them:
7. For all those who la - bor in ser-vice to oth - ers:
8. Grant weath-er that nour - ish - es all of cre - a - tion:
9. Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from dan - ger:
10. For all the be - lov - ed who rest in your mer - cy:

[A] *Leader or Assistant*

Help us, com-fort us, all of our days:

*All*

Keep us, hold us, gra - cious God.

Advent: Restoration is Near  
 Prepare the way of the Lord  
 December 4, 2022

