

Gathering

Light Procession: VT 238 *Wisdom from on High is Dawning* (v. 1)

Call to Worship

Welcome

VT 217 *Hark! the Glad Sound!*

Peace Lamp

Leader: Let justice roll down like a river

People: And goodness like an ever flowing stream.

Opening Ourselves

VT 143 *Come Now, O God*

Prayer of Confession

God of shadows and light, our thoughts are not your thoughts. Our ways are not your ways.

Hear our confession. Heal our hearts. Forgive our sins.

In Jesus you reveal your power—

A power with and for the vulnerable;

a power held in mercy and grace.

(silence)

In the light of the Christ child, in the shadow of the Most High, we make our confession and receive your forgiveness.

Amen.

Offering - VT 120 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

Offertory Prayer

Holy One, Emmanuel: as you have given yourself to us through the coming of the Christ child, we also give ourselves to you.

Receive these offerings, given in hope, that they may be part of your life in this world. Amen.

Telling God's Story

VT 546 *There Is a Line of Women*

Children's time - *Those 3 and under are dismissed for Little Children's time, after which child care is available.*

Scripture: 1 Kings 1:11-31; 2:12-24

L: The stories of God for the people of God

P: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Sharing our Stories

VT 269 *Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light*

Sermon response/Sharing from our lives

Pastoral Prayer

Sending

Introduction of Visitors

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

Sunday school teachers are dismissed before the final hymn

VT 259 *To Us a Child of Hope Is Born*

Benediction

Children are dismissed to Sunday School

Thanks to: *Worship Leader:* Moriah Hurst and Ellie Hirschler; *Song Leader:* Becky Snider; *Scripture Reader:* Marshall King, Elona and Bre Daugherty; *Children's Time:* Anna Yoder Schlabach and Mary Lehman Yoder; *Sermon:* Scott Coulter; *Pastoral Prayer:* Anna Yoder Schlabach; *Tech Crew:* Patrick Coonan and Glenn Gilbert; *Artwork:* Prints by Michelle Burkholder; *Light Bearers:* Emma and Jenae Coulter, Bryn Rothshank, J Kern.

Second hours: Coffee Fellowship and set up for Christmas Eve

HEARING ASSISTANCE

This worship space has two systems to help people with hearing loss participate more fully in our life together.

1. FM system. Get a receiver and an ear speaker from the sound booth.
2. Hearing Loop accessed by hearing aids with t-coils. Find a seat in the worship space and turn on the t-coils.

New to Assembly? Complete the Assembly Survival Kit questionnaire by scanning the QR code below.



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