

Assembly Mennonite Church

Advent: Promises of Hope

December 21, 2025

Gathering

Light Procession: VT 707 Dona nobis pacem

Call to Worship

Welcome, Birthday Recognition

VT 218 Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

VT 808 Between Darkness and Light

Opening Ourselves

Peace Lamp

Leader: The light shines in the darkness

Congregation: and the shadows cannot overcome it.

Offering - VT 239 He Came Down

Telling God's Story

Special Music: Rejoice

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

VT 673 Our God in Heaven

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25

Leader: The stories of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Sharing our Stories

VT 281 Joyful is the Dark (v 1, 2, 3, 5)

Sermon response & Sharing from our lives

Pastoral Prayer

Sending

Welcoming 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

VT 258 Love has Come

Benediction

Children are dismissed for Sunday School

Second hour: Help yourself to coffee/tea in the Multipurpose Space during the short break after first hour worship as usual. During Sunday school and Second Hour, you are invited to help set up the Multipurpose Space for the Christmas Eve service. If you are not helping with set up, please take your coffee and conversation to the Worship Space.

Thanks to: Worship Leader: Thomas Bona; Song Leader: Jeanne Liechty; Light-Bearers: Ben Smuts, Roy Kauffman, Avery Morris, Elona Daugherty; Musicians: Leon Bauman, Wilma Harder, Aaron Hochstetler, Jim Kaufmann, Bev Lapp, Patricia Nuyken, Ella Shank VanEenige, Kasper Smuts, Norah and Lena Osborne; Peace Lamp: Deb Bloom; Children's Time: Jon Zirkle; Sermon: Leah Thomas; Pastoral Prayer: Karl Shelly; Tech Crew: Glenn Gilbert, Jep Hostetler; Artwork: Banner by Joni Yost; Special Music: Jamie Lake

HEARING ASSISTANCE

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