

**Assembly Mennonite Church**  
**Advent: Promises of Hope**  
**December 7, 2025**

**Gathering**

Light Procession: VT 707 Dona nobis pacem  
Call to Worship  
Welcome, Birthday Recognition  
VT 217 Hark! the Glad Sound!

**Opening Ourselves**

Peace Lamp (In light of all the darkness, where are you finding hope?)

Leader: The light shines in the darkness

**Congregation: and the shadows cannot overcome it.**

Offering - VT 219 Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord

**Telling God's Story**

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 3:1-11

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

**Sharing our Stories**

VT 828 There's a Wild Hope in the Wind  
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 216 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Benediction

*Children are dismissed for Sunday School*

**Second hour: Messiah Sing along (starting promptly at 11)**

Thanks to: Worship Leader and Children's Time: Maria Wenger; Song Leader: Kate Roth; Light-Bearers: Ben Smuts, Hans Nafziger Peterson, Roy Kauffman, Elona Daugerty, Peace Lamp: Maria Wenger; Musicians: Kate Roth, Glenn Gilbert, Issac Bontrager, Grace Bontrager, Steve Shantz, Lena Osborne, Nate Osborne, Bev Lapp; Sermon: Karl Shelly ; Pastoral prayer: Scott Coulter; Tech Crew: Phil Good-Elliott, Logan Swartzendruber; Artwork: Banner by Joni Yost

**HEARING ASSISTANCE**

We have two systems for those with hearing loss, talk to the sound booth folks for help.



**New to Assembly? WELCOME!** Sign the register on the podium, pick up a yellow Q&A sheet, and fill out the Assembly Survival Kit questionnaire by scanning the QR code. Questions? Ask a friendly face near you.

*We hope to see you again soon!*

## *Messiah Selections & Musicians*

#1	Overture	
#2	Tenor recitative - Joel Kern	<b><i>“Comfort ye” (BL)</i></b>
#3	Tenor aria- Nate Osborne	<b><i>“Every Valley” (BL)</i></b>
#4	Chorus	<b><i>“And the glory”</i></b>
#6	Bass aria - Scott Hochstetler	<b><i>Thus Saith and “But who may abide” (AYC)</i></b>
#8	Alto aria and chorus - Rebecca Dengler Kaufman	<b><i>“O thou that tellest” (BL)</i></b>
#12	Chorus	<i>“For unto us”</i>
#13	Pastoral Symphony	
#14-16	Soprano recitatives - Jamie Lake	<b><i>“There were shepherds” (AYC)</i></b>
#17	Chorus	<i>“Glory to God”</i>
#26	Chorus	<i>“All we like sheep”</i>
#44	Chorus	<i>“Hallelujah”</i>
#53	Chorus	<i>“Worthy is the lamb”</i>

1st Violins	Stacey Farran Rachel Penner Katie Yoder
2nd Violins	Karen Graber Roth Terry Martin Miriam Miller Avelar
Viola	Cal Swartzendruber
Cello	Anna Yoder Schlabach Marna Mateer Jeanne Liechty
Bass	Bill Mateer
Trumpet	Grace Bontrager Kate Roth
Other brass/ woodwind	Glenn Gilbert Isaac Bontrager Mary Gilbert
Conductor Pianist for solos	Brian Mast Ana Yoder Coulter and Bev Lapp

