

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 3, 2017

Worship - 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 10:50 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Carol Buller, organist Christian Buller, horn

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Leroy Seat, worship leader

*LIGHT PROCESSIONAL #172

O come, O come, Immanuel

st. 1-3 only

Joel Bollinger and Mitch Kaufman, candlelighters

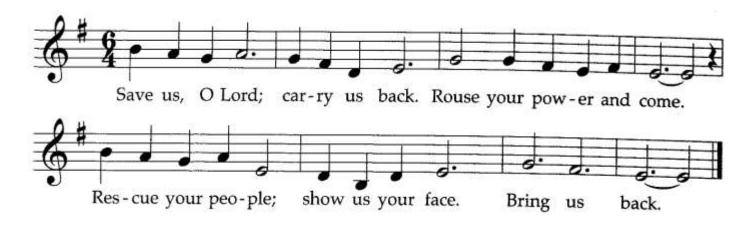
WE LISTEN AND LEARN

CHILDREN'S TIME

Ruth Harder

SCRIPTURE WITH SUNG RESPONSE

Isaiah 64:1-9 and Mark 13:24-37



SERMON

Wake up call

WE GATHER AT THE TABLE

COMMUNION INVITATION Jesus Christ the apple tree Nancy Bosché and Ashton Wells, bells arr. Schalk

WORDS OF BLESSING

SHARING OF BREAD AND CUP

Please come forward by the center aisle, take the bread and dip it in the cup of juice. Return by the side aisle. To receive a blessing in lieu of partaking in the bread and cup, please present yourself with hands folded. Gluten free crackers and grapes are also available.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #463

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

WE RESPOND AND SHARE

SHARING JOY

We welcome the introduction of guests and visitors during this time. One way we get to know one another is by signing the friendship registers. Once the register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.

SHARING CONCERNS

PRAYING TOGETHER

Slips of paper are available in the attendance register for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl table at the front of the sanctuary.

OFFERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have an announcement please write it down and give it to the worship leader or pastor prior to the worship service. The worship leader or pastor will share all of the announcements at once as opposed to passing the microphone. Note that children and youth are exempt from this request.

WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE

*HYMN #178

Come, thou long expected Jesus



Children in K - 5^{th} grade are dismissed for WorshipArts (Room 114), a time for children to respond to worship, ask questions and learn more about the language, ritual, movement, sound and art incorporated in worship.

6th-12th grade women are also dismissed for women's ensemble rehearsal in Ruth's office.

*SENDING FORTH

*POSTLUDE

* Please stand as you are able.

Unless otherwise indicated, hymns are in the blue *Hymnal: A Worship Book*. Songs designated "STS" are in the purple *Sing the Story* hymnal.

As we sing, please use language that makes worship most meaningful, enriching and inclusive.

The light sculpture at the front of the sanctuary was created by Arlie Regier and his son Paul. We have cherished the long tradition of featuring this gift during Advent and Christmas.

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