



Peace is a candle to show us a pathway,
threatened by gusts from our rage and our greed.
Friend, feel no envy for those in the shadows –
violence and force their dead end course.
-From Sing the Story #15

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 10, 2017

Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Peppernut fundraiser and Christmas Program rehearsal – 10:50 a.m.

Christmas Program —4:00 p.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Janelle Arnett Campbell, organist

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Renee Reimer, worship leader

*LIGHT PROCESSIONAL #172

O come, O come, Immanuel

Stanzas 1-4

Jacob Kaufman and Greg Gaeddert, candlelighters

WE LISTEN AND LEARN

CHILDREN'S TIME

Linda Graham

As the children move the crèche figures forward, please join in the refrain below in canon as directed

1
Pre - pare the way of the Lord. Pre - pare the way of the Lord, and

2

3
all peo-ple will see the sal - va - tion of our God. Pre -

4

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 40:1-11 and Mark 1:1-8

ANTHEM

Comfort, comfort, O my people J.S. Bach
Jonathan Wiebe, Jesse Graber, violin
Emma Janzen, viola, Janelle Arnett Campbell, harpsichord

SERMON

“Harold” of good tidings

*HYMN #176

Comfort, comfort, O my people

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

Hymn #208 *Love came down at Christmas*
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 #189

To us a Child of hope is born



Children in K - 5th 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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