

ERB STREET MENNONITE CHURCH
Sunday, December 1, 2024
1st Advent

Prelude Traditional Christmas Music

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Call to Worship with Candle Lighting

Leader: In this season of waiting, of longing,
We are seeking the light of your presence.

[Light candle]

**People: We are seeking the light in our own lives
In our neighbourhoods and families
In our nation and in the world.**

Leader: Seek and you shall find
Knock and the door will be opened
Ask and it will be given to you.

**All: *Jesus Christ you are the light of the world.
May we have eyes to see you
And ears to hear you.***

Leader: Amen.

Opening Prayer

Hymn *O Come, O Come, Immanuel (v. 1, 3, 5, 7)* **VT 210**

Story Circle

Coin Offering *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* **VT 216**

Offertory Prayer*

Worship Music *Wachet Auf (Sleepers Awake)* J.S. Bach

Silent Prayer of Attention

Scripture Readings Jeremiah 33:14-16; Luke 21:25-36

Sung Scripture Response *God, Be with Us* **VT 613**

Sermon *The Beginning of the Beginning*

Hymn of Response *View the Present* **VT 407**

Congregational Prayer

Hymn of Sending *Rejoice, Rejoice Forevermore* **VT 402**

Benediction

Postlude *Wir Eilen (We Hasten)* J.S. Bach

PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leader: Maia Hadden

Accompanists: Stillwater Trio: Bruce Skelton; violin,
Cathy Anderson, cello; Joanne Bender, piano
Olivia Wang, oboe

Worship Music: Stillwater Trio

Song Leader: Karin Bileski

Story Circle: Beth Gilbert

Scripture Reader: Maia Hadden

Sermon: Franz Peters

Congregational Prayer: Scott Brubaker-Zehr

Candle Lighters: Jim & Marianne Erb

Sound: Eric Wildfong

Tech Host: Akio Saito

Ushers: John & Rosemary Shantz

Greeters: Paul & Beth Gilbert and Karen Buschert

* Offering may be placed in our new offering box at the back of the sanctuary or by other means as listed in the bulletin.