

ERB STREET MENNONITE CHURCH
Sunday, December 8, 2024

- Prelude**
- Welcome and Announcements**
- Choir** *Comfort, Comfort, O My People*
- Call to Worship with Candle Lighting**
- Leader: In the lonely places
The wilderness,
Where we stand forlorn,
Windswept and alone
Your voice calls out
- People: Prepare a way for the Lord.**
[Light candles]
- Leader: In the dark places,
The shadows,
Where we hide our fears
Your voice calls out
- People: Prepare a way for the Lord.**
- Leader: As the rising sun comes to us each dawn
- People: Shine upon those who live in darkness**
- Leader: Amen.
- Opening Prayer**
- Opening Hymn** *Hark the Glad Sound* **VT 217**
- Story Circle**
- Coin Offering** *Helpless and Hungry* **VT 268**
What Child is This **VT 267**
- Offertory Prayer**
- Silent Prayer of Attention**
- Scripture Readings** Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 3:1-6
- Sung Scripture Response** *God, Be with Us (v.1)* **VT 613**
- Sermon** *A Strange Messiah*
- Hymn of Response** *Savior of the Nations, Come!* **VT 214**
- Choir** *Star Carol* John Rutter
- Congregational Prayer**
- Hymn of Sending** *O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem* **VT 275**
(Chosen by Irene Erb for her 101st birthday on Dec. 10)
- Benediction**
- Postlude**
Coffee and visiting in the Fellowship Hall.
- PARTICIPANTS
- Worship Leader: Ardith Frey
- Accompanists: Sheila Wallace and Kayla Wallace Groh
- Song Leader: Karin Bileski
- Worship Music: Erb St. Choir
- Story Circle: Beth Gilbert
- Scripture Reader: Brenda Jewitt
- Sermon: Scott Brubaker-Zehr
- Congregational Prayer: Scott Brubaker-Zehr
- Candle Lighter: Kyoung Kim
- Sound: Geoff Vanderkooy
- Tech Host: Akio Saito
- Ushers: John & Rosemary Shantz
- Greeters: Jim & Sue Hallman and Susan Edgar

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