

**ERB STREET MENNONITE CHURCH**  
**Sunday, December 15, 2024**

**Prelude** *Brass Ensemble*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship with Candle Lighting**

Leader: The Spirit of the Lord is upon us,  
because he has anointed us  
to bring good news to the poor.

**People: He has sent us to proclaim release to the  
captives and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to set free those who are oppressed,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.**

**[Light candles]**

Leader: Let us rejoice!

**People: For our God comes to bring peace and  
wholeness to the world.**

**All: Amen.**

**Opening Prayer**

**Opening Hymn** *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* **VT 265**

**Story Circle**

**Coin Offering** *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* **VT 247**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Silent Prayer of Attention**

**Scripture Readings** Zephaniah 3:14-20; Luke 3:7-16

**Sung Scripture Response** *God, Be with Us (v.2)* **VT 613**

**Sermon** *Advent Joy*

**Hymn of Response** *Joy to the World* **VT 240**

**Worship Music** *The Christmas Package*

**Congregational Prayer**

**Hymn of Sending** *Angels We Have Heard on High* **VT 249**

**Benediction**

**Postlude** *Brass Ensemble*

*Coffee and visiting in the Fellowship Hall*

*followed by Intergenerational Variety Show and Potluck.*

**PARTICIPANTS**

Worship Leader: Mary Brubaker-Zehr

Accompanists: Joanne Bender

Brass Ensemble: Ernie Arruda, Tuba; Terry McConnel,  
Euphonium; Hayley Burgess, French Horn;  
George Booth, Trumpet; Paul Ellingham,  
Trumpet; Tom Bileski, Trumpet

Song Leader: Karin Bileski

Story Circle: Beth Gilbert

Scripture Readers: Foster and Ezra Bailey

Sermon: Renee Sauder

Congregational Prayer: Scott Brubaker-Zehr

Candle Lighters: Mona and Ezra Bailey

Sound: Joe Wildfong

Tech Host: Eric Wildfong

Ushers: Dale Good and Bruce Fretz

Greeters: Jean Fretz and Fred Loganbill