

ERB STREET MENNONITE CHURCH
Sunday, December 7, 2025

Prelude

Gathering Hymn *O Day of Peace* **VT 787**

Welcome

Territorial Acknowledgement

Advent Candle Lighting

Worship Leader: Every winter, evergreens pull off a quiet miracle: while broad-leafed trees go bare, evergreens stay green through the darkest, coldest season. May the fresh pine and spruce in this Advent display be a reminder for us of God's evergreen presence, a sprig of Peace in the dark seasons of the year.

Candle Lighter: *We light this candle to remind us that the light of Peace extends to our neighbours near and far, to friends and foes, to the entire community of creation.*

Worship Leader: Come, O Christ, Light within all Light, and shine upon us in this season and in our gathered time of worship.

All: We worship together in peace. Amen

Opening Prayer

Advent Poem *The Peace of the Wild Things* Wendell Berry

Story Circle

Children's Coin Offering *Do With It What You Will* Insert

Offertory Prayer*

Worship Music *The Christmas Package*

Silent Prayer of Attention

Scripture Reading Matthew 3:1-12

Sung Scripture Response *Wait for the Lord* **VT 228**

Sermon *Tending the Butterfly Apocalypse*

Hymn of Response *We Dream of a Turning* **VT 209**

Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Hymn of Sending *It Came upon a Midnight Clear* **VT 248**

Benediction

Postlude

*Congregational Forum in the Fellowship Hall
followed by Coffee and visiting*

PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leader: Mia Lutz

Accompanists: Kayla Wallace Groh and Sheila Wallace

Brass Ensemble: Ernie Arruda, Tuba; Tom Bileski, Trumpet;
George Booth, Trumpet; Andrew Brigham, Trumpet; Paul
Ellingham, Trombone; Terry McConnell, Euphonium

Song Leader: Elaine Ranney

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Candle Lighters: Shirley Dueck and Jean Mahlman

Story Circle: Rae Reid

Scripture Readers: Mona Bailey (English)

Freddy Dukundamata (Kinyarwanda)

Sermon: Leah Reesor-Keller

Congregational Prayer: Wendy Janzen

Sound: John Bender

Tech Host: Eric Wildfong

Ushers: John & Rosemary Shantz
Greeters: Krista Steinmann & Lena Santomero
Margaret Shantz