



**Emmaus Road Mennonite Fellowship**  
December 3, 2017

**Gathering**

Greeter/Usher  
Worship Leader  
Pianist

Russell & Paul  
Marie  
Anita

**Gathering Music/Silence/Prelude**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: *Awake! The invitation to carry light comes from the God of trembling mountains and shaking foundations.*

**All: O God, your expectations terrify us. How can our small selves hold your blazing presence?**

Leader: *Quiet our questioning souls.*

**All: Lead us beyond our resistance. Yes, let it be.**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

Alex & Ben

**\*Hymn of Gathering**

“O Come, O Come Immanuel”

HWB #172

**\*The Peace**

Leader: *God makes peace within us. Let us claim it.  
God makes peace between us. Let us share it.  
Let us greet one another as a sign of God’s peace.  
The peace of God is here to stay.*

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*You are invited to share the peace with your neighbors  
with the greeting “The Peace of Christ”*

**Intercessory Prayer**

Anita

**Children’s Time**

Nedra/Jen

**Children Dismissed**

John & Mary

**Hymn**

“I Will Come To You”

**Prayers of the People**

Lonnie/Dwight

**Scripture**

Bernie

Mark 13: 24-37

**Sermon**

Gwen Gustafson-Zook

“Conscious Living in Treacherous Times”

**Offering Focus**

MCC Christmas Projects

MCC Meat Canner

**Offertory**

Anita

**\*Words of Sending**

Leader: Whenever we are frightened...

**People: Yes, whenever we are frightened...**

Leader: May we remember that Jesus' invitation  
to walk with him is a call to courage.

**People: May we remember that God's Spirit  
emboldens us to follow him.**

**\*Hymn of Sending**

HWB #194

“Away in a Manger”

### **Announcements**

Compassionate Ministries donations for December: Give a dollar each Sunday this month

December 9 – ERMF Coffee @ Alpine Rose, 10am

January 7 – Appreciation Carry-in for Anita

#### **Weekly Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network**

Asher and Lindsey Fast, serving through Mennonite Mission Network and Virginia Mennonite Missions, are helping to build the after-school program at the Mother Theresa Resource Centre in Botswana. They are also assisting in a local elementary school. Pray for wisdom and energy, and healing for Lindsey's back and neck.

#### **Winter Family Camp February 16-18 at Camp Friedenswald**

After the busy holiday season and in the middle of winter blues - this camp is a great break for the whole family. We have sledding, rides on the tube run, and broomball for the kids (and kids-at-heart), while for those wanting rest we have relaxing fireplaces and provided childcare. Family-focused worships will be led by Daniel and Talashia Keim Yoder focusing on the theme "Messy Families." Bring your friends and family to reconnect with a fun and relaxing weekend together.

Adults: \$120; Kids: \$40; Family Max: \$300

Go to [Friedenswald.org](http://Friedenswald.org) for more information and to sign up today.