



Emmaus Road Mennonite Fellowship
December 17, 2017

Gathering

Greeter/Usher
Worship Leader
Musicians

Anita
Marie & Bernie

Gathering Music/Silence/Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: Awake! The invitation to carry God's light comes from the voice who knew wilderness ways.

All: O God, your call amazes us with your hope. You invite us to replace the ashes of the past with gardens of delight.

Leader: God, quiet our anxious hearts.

All: Lead us beyond our fears and guide us on the way of peace. Yes, let it be.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Blake & Lyndsey

***Hymn of Gathering**

HWB #212

“O, Come All Ye Faithful”

***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 Dismissed

Heather & helper

Hymn

HWB #176

“Comfort, Comfort, O My People”

Prayers of the People

Jan

Scripture	John 1:6-8; 19-28	Rick
Sermon	“What Does the Christmas Story Tell Us?”	Don
Hymn	“What Child is This?”	HWB #215
Offering Focus	MCC Christmas Projects MCC Meat Canner	
Offertory		
*Words of Sending	As we go, may our ordinary lives be filled with the power of the Spirit. May the Light of Christ dwell within us and shine through us.	unison
*Candle Snuffing	This smoke reminds us of the Spirit of God going out to restore what is broken, and calling us to be willing partners with God. May the voice of God’s comfort speak peace and promise through us.	
*Hymn of Sending	“Angels, We Have Heard on High”	HWB #197

Announcements

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

January 7 – Appreciation Carry-in for Anita

Weekly Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Mennonite Mission Network’s Youth Venture program invites teens and young adults (ages 16-22) to participate in a short-term learning and service experience during the summer of 2018. Pray for open hearts in those whom God is calling to Benin, Ecuador, Japan, Peru or Spain.