



Emmaus Road Mennonite Fellowship
December 24, 2017

Gathering

Greeter/Usher
Worship Leader
Musicians

Jim & Hunter
Jan
Evan, Hunter & Mary Beth

Gathering Music/Silence/Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: Yes! The invitation to carry God's light comes to each of us, no matter where we are.

All: O God, you choose to dwell among us. You choose to dwell within us.

Leader: God, quiet our anxious hearts.

All: Your faithfulness to us endures forever.

Leader: You are our strength from generation to generation.

All: Yes, come, Lord Jesus!

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Blake & Lyndsey

***Hymn of Gathering**

HWB #189

"To Us A Child of Hope is Born"

***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

Kathy & Cindy

Hymn

HWB #211

"Lo, How a Rose"

Prayers of the People

Nedra

Scripture	Luke 2: 1-20	Emily & Erika
Christmas Eve Meditation	“In These Days”	Anita
Sharing the Bread & Cup		Anita, Kathy, Derek
Offering Focus		MCC Christmas Projects MCC Meat Canner
Offertory	“Hark The Herald Angels Sing”	HWB #201
*Words of Sending	May the love of Christ shine brightly from the center of our lives; in us, in our Fellowship, and everywhere.	unison
*Candle Snuffing	This smoke reminds us of the Spirit of God overshadowing us and filling us with courageous love.	unison
*Hymn of Sending	“Silent Night”	HWB #193

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 requests prayer for all those who have left homes and families for the sake of the gospel. May they be embraced by the global family of God and be blessed by discovering fresh insights into the meaning of Christmas.