



Emmaus Road Mennonite Fellowship
December 31, 2017

Gathering

Greeter/Usher
Worship Leader
Musician

Joel & Jenna
Marie
Melissa Beitler

Gathering Music/Silence/Prelude

Melissa

Call to Worship

Leader: Yes! We give thanks and rejoice!

**All: We praise the Lord from the heavens, from
the heights, and with the angels!**

Leader: We praise the Lord with the sun and moon!
We praise the Creator of the shining stars!

**All: Snow and frost! Mountains and hills!
Fruit trees and cedars!**

Leader: Young men and women alike! Children and aged
ones too! Let us praise the name of the Lord.

All: Yes, Praise the Lord!

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Daryl & Karen

***Hymn**

HWB #318

“Joy To The World”

***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 remain in service this morning

Hymn

HWB #215

“What Child Is This”

Prayers of the People

Hymn	“Love Came Down At Christmas”	HWB #208
Scripture	Luke 2: 22-40	Emily & Erika
New Year’s Meditation	“Next Steps”	Anita
Offering Focus	MCC Christmas Projects MCC Meat Canner	
Offertory		Melissa
*Words of Sending	May the love of Christ shine brightly from the center of our lives; in us, in our Fellowship, and everywhere.	unison
*Hymn	“Away In A Manger” (children come forward)	HWB #194
*Candle Snuffing	This smoke reminds us of the Spirit of God spreading with life-giving love across the world.	unison
*Hymn of Sending		New Year’s Welcome

Announcements

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

January 7 – Appreciation Carry-in for Anita

January 13 – ERMF Coffee @ Berne Dining, 9:30am

February 18 – Fellowship Forum and Fellowship Carry-In

Weekly Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Tonight is Watch Night in many African-American communities. At midnight on January 1, 1863 the Emancipation Proclamation became law. Though written 154 years ago, that law has not yet been completely fulfilled. Join Mennonite Mission Network in proclaiming and working toward salvation and justice for all people in the coming year.