

Gathering

Light Procession: VT 238 *Wisdom from on High is Dawning (v. 2)*

Call to Worship

Welcome, Birthday Recognition

VT 218 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Peace Lamp

Leader: Let justice roll down like a river

People: And goodness like an ever flowing stream.

Opening Ourselves

VT 143 *Come Now, O God*

Prayer of Confession

L: God of shadows and light, our thoughts are not your thoughts. Our ways are not your ways.

A: Hear our confession. Heal our hearts. Forgive our sins.

J: In Jesus you call us to faith

A: in the mystery of your Presence in the world, and the truth that nothing will be impossible with you.

(silence)

J: In the light of the Christ child, in the shadow of the Most High, we make our confession and receive your forgiveness.

A: Amen.

Offering - VT 698 *Somebody Prayed for Me*

Offertory Prayer

L: Holy One, Emmanuel: as you have given yourself to us through the coming of the Christ child, we also give ourselves to you.

A: Receive these offerings, given in hope, that they may be part of your life in this world. Amen.

Telling God's Story

VT 546 *There Is a Line of Women*

Children's time - *Those 3 and under are dismissed for Little Children's time, after which child care is available.*

Scripture: Joshua 2:1-9, 12-15

L: The stories of God for the people of God.

A: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Sharing our Stories

VT 200 *Darkness Is Not Dark to You, God*

Sermon response & Sharing from our lives

Pastoral Prayer

Sending

Introduction of Visitors

Announcements - *If you have an announcement that pertains to the whole congregation, please get it in writing to the worship leader.*

Sunday school teachers are dismissed

VT 211 *Hope Is a Candle*

Benediction

Children are dismissed to Sunday School

Thanks to: *Worship Leader:* Joyce Hostetler; *Song Leader:* Becky Snider; *Musicians:* Linden Rothshank, Isaya Magatti, Stefan Magatti, Martha Horst Hanby, Eli Kauffman, Elias Magatti, Caleb Yoder Schlabach, & Emma Coulter; *Scripture Reader:* Lois Longenecker; *Children's Time:* Moriah Hurst, Abby Nafziger Peterson and John Nafziger; *Sermon:* Regina Shands Stoltzfus; *Pastoral prayer:* Moriah Hurst; *Tech Crew:* Sean Smuts & Phil Good-Elliott; *Light Bearers:* Julian Quintana, Reuben Graber Roth; *Intentional listener:* Patricia Ebersole Zwier; *Artwork:* Prints by Michelle Burkholder

Second hour: Messiah Sing Along, Discussion questions around tables in MP space.

All are welcome to stay for a fellowship meal after the Messiah Sing-along. Please sit down at a table and wait to be dismissed for the food line.

HEARING ASSISTANCE

This worship space has two systems to help people with hearing loss participate more fully in our life together.

1. FM system. Get a receiver and an ear speaker from the sound booth.
2. Hearing Loop accessed by hearing aids with t-coils. Find a seat in the worship space and turn on the t-coils.

Messiah Selections

#1	Overture	
#2	Tenor recitative - Nate Osborne	"Comfort ye"
#3	Tenor aria - Nate Osborne	"Every valley"
#4	Chorus	"And the glory"
#6	Bass aria - Scott Hochstetler	"But who may abide"
#8	Alto aria and chorus - Rebecca Dengler Kaufman	"O thou that tellest"
#12	Chorus	"For unto us"
#13	Pastoral Symphony	
#14-16	Soprano recitatives - Jamie Lake	"There were shepherds"
#17	Chorus	"Glory to God"
#26	Chorus	"All we like sheep"
#44	Chorus	"Hallelujah"
#53	Chorus	"Worthy is the lamb"

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Advent 2 – Rahab: On the margins
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