**Advent week two**

**Awaiting Peace: Yahweh Reveals the Way of Peace**

December 9, 2018

**GATHERING**
STS 7 Come, come Emmanuel
HWB 173 Savior of the nations, come!
HWB 183 On Jordan’s banks the Baptist’s cry
Call to worship and opening prayer

**PRAISING**
Philippians 1:3-11
HWB 176 Comfort, comfort, O my people
STS 9 As the pauper waits for plenty

**WELCOMING THE LIGHT**
 Leader:  Yahweh, teach us your way of peace.
 **All**: **Yahweh, come among us.**
 Leader: As we watch for the light, may we find you already awaiting

 us in the darkness, breathing new peace into us and into the world.

Processional – Come, come Emmanuel

 Leader: Friends, don’t be afraid. Yahweh is coming.
 **All**: **Yahweh is coming.**

 Leader: Peace is growing toward new birth.

Offering STS 10 Come! Walk in the light

**HEARING THE WORD**
Malachi 3:1-4 & Luke 3:1-6
Children’s time
See whose glory fills the skies (handout)
Luke 1:57-79
Sermon “What then will this child become?”

**REFLECTING**
Music for reflection – We Come (Wilma)
Sharing/response and prayer

**SPREADING THE LIGHT**Announcements
Sending song  STJ 76 The Lord bless you and keep you
Benediction

**Thanks to this morning’s many worship leaders:**

Advent processional: Cecylia Gomez Wengerd, Eva Lake Rittenhouse, Magdalena Horst. Song leader: Jeannie Brunk; Soloists: Becky Overholt, Eric Kurtz. Musicians: Becky Overholt, Sybil and Winston Gerig, Barb Swartley, Wilma Harder, Adam and Karen Graber Roth, Lisa Rose Martin, Eric R. Kurtz, Mitch Rhodes, Jeannie Brunk. Worship leader: Lora Nafziger; Children’s time: Tara Burch; Sermon: Sara Wenger Shenk. Readers: Rachel Hirschler, Ellie Hirschler, Regina Shands Stoltzfus, Randy Roth; Sharing time: Anna Yoder Schlabach, co-pastor. Visual: Ben Nelson, Anna Yoder Schlabach, and Brian Yoder Schlabach, with banner by late Assembly member Beth Miller.

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| Messiah selections – 2018 |
| #1 | Overture |  |
| #2 | Tenor recitative – Jeff Martin | “Comfort ye” |
| #3 | Tenor aria – Jeff Martin | “Every valley” |
| #4 | Chorus | “And the glory” |
| #5 | Bass recitative – Aaron Kaufman | “Thus saith the Lord” |
| #6 | Alto aria – Jeremiah Chico | “But who may abide” |
| #8 | Alto recitative – Rebecca Kaufman | “Behold, a virgin shall conceive” |
| #9 | Alto aria and chorus – Rebecca Kaufman | “O thou that tellest” |
| #12 | Chorus | “For unto us” |
| #13 | Pifa (Pastoral Symphony) |  |
| #14-16 | Soprano recitatives – Karen Graber Roth | “There were shepherds” |
| #17 | Chorus | “Glory to God” |
| #18 | Soprano aria - Sarah Sutter | "Rejoice greatly" |
| #26 | Chorus | “All we like sheep” |
| #44 | Chorus | “Hallelujah” |
| #53 | Chorus | “Worthy is the Lamb” |