

\* Our offering is going to support the Mennonite Central Committee's programs that reach people far and near: Hygiene kits (contents will be purchased for our children to assemble the kits) and the Indigenous Neighbours Water projects.  
Thank you for your care and compassion as we seek to support God's peace and justice in the world.

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Christmas Eve Candle Light Service  
Tuesday, December 24, 2019 6:30 p.m.

Prelude

Isaiah 40:3-5

Processional

**HWB (blue) #172 "O come, O come, Immanuel" (vs 4-6)**

Welcome

**Invocation: STS (purple) #127**

Waiting

Psalm 46:1-3, 8-11

String Quartet: "Finale" from *The Christmas Concerto*  
By Arcangelo Corelli

**HWB (blue) #195 "It came upon a midnight clear"**

Hope

Isaiah 11:1-10

Litany of Hope

Leader: The first candle of Advent is a light of hope in the night.

**People: We wait expectantly for the Messiah, for God's promises to be fulfilled.**

Leader: We turn to you, O God, in the midst of this chaotic world, longing for that day of salvation to arrive.

**All: Fill us with the faith and the hope in your vision for the world, as we come before you with open hearts.**

*Thank-you to all the prelude musicians and choir members for your love of music and your hard work to prepare for worship this evening.*

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*With gratitude and respect, we recognize that we are worshipping on the traditional land that once belonged to the Haudenosaunee and Anishnaabe peoples. We regret the lack of respect given to the Indigenous people in the past, and pledge to work for justice and reconciliation.*

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Peace

Choir: "In Dulci Jubilo" arranged by R.L. Pearsall

Isaiah 2:1-5

Litany of Peace

Leader: Prepare the way of the Lord, for things are about to change.

**People: As violence and wars continue on this earth, we acknowledge that Jesus came to show us the way of peace.**

Leader: We are called to turn around, repent and allow God to renew us and work within us.

**All: The second candle of Advent reminds us that we are that change for peace.**

Offering\* and Offertory

Joy

**HWB (blue) #201 "Hark! The herald angels sing"**

Luke 1:47-55

**HWB (blue) #212 "O come, all ye faithful"**

Litany of Joy

Leader: Behold, I bring you tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people: a Saviour is born!

**People: The third candle reminds us of the message of joy sent to us from God.**

Leader: O God, turn our sadness to celebration and our despair to rejoicing. Grant strength to the weary and courage to those who are afraid.

**All: In Christ, we see the way to healing and reconciliation.  
That peace and hope bring us joy.**

Love

**STS (purple) #22 "There were angels hov'ring round"**

John 1:1-5, 9-14; 3:16, 17

Litany of Love

Leader: God's love for us is truly the light of the world.

**People: We celebrate the good news, which breaks the power of oppression and welcomes all refugees.**

Leader: The fourth candle is a declaration that light breaks into darkness, that love is stronger than evil.

**All: God loves us. God is reaching out to us with love. God gives us love to love each other. Let it be so.**

Choir: "Jesus Christ the apple tree" by E. Poston  
"Nativity carol" by J. Rutter

Emmanuel: God is with us

**HWB (blue) #197 "Angels we have heard on high"**

Luke 2:1-20

Litany for the Christ candle

Leader: God brings hope, peace, joy and love.

**People: Emmanuel, God is with us.**

Leader: Jesus is God's gift of self-revelation. Let us be illuminated by Christ's light.

**All: Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to all people.**

Lighting the Christ candle

Lighting individual candles

**Insert #215 & #26 "What child is this"/"Helpless and hungry"**

**Insert #193 "Silent night, holy night"**

Benediction > Please extinguish your candle <

**HWB (blue) #318 "Joy to the world"**