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Advent Two: Let It Be So

Gathering

Songs:

On Jordan's banks the Baptist's cry blue, 183
Jesus came - the heavens adoring blue, 297

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: Wake up!

The invitation to carry light

comes from the voice who cries out for a smooth way through wild places.

All: O God, your call is uncomfortable.

How can we who are weak
remove the rough and rugged places?

Silence

Prayer

Song: *Our darkness* green, 101

(Lighting of Advent Candle, Lexi Bentley)

Song: *O God, how we have wandered* purple, 58

Hearing God's Word

Children's Time Mark Yoder

Offering

Parent-Child Dedication of Abigail, Jenny and Mark Yoder

Song: Wild and lone the prophet's voice purple, 8

Scripture: Mark 1:1-8, Luke 1:46-55

Sermon: "Preparing the Way for Blessedness" Joanne Gallardo

Responding

Song: *Joyful is the dark* blue, 233

Wonder and Wisdom Reading

Confession and Words of Assurance

Congregational Sharing and Prayer Trish Yoder

Transition to Fellowship and Sunday School

Welcome & Introduction of Visitors (Please pass the friendship registers.)

Announcements

Sending

Song: Come, thou long-expected Jesus

blue, 178

Worship Participants

Worship Leader: Lavonne Shetler

Song Leader: Grant Mast Accompanist: Angela Shenk Offertory: Jenny Hooley

Visuals: Lana Smucker, Sanctuary; Leah Garboden, Fellowship Hall

Ushers: Ron and Lori Good AV Operator: Michael Sherer

Hearing assistance devices are available in the room beside the doors to the sanctuary.

Please see the A/V operator if you would like one.

We offer childcare during worship after children's time for infants & toddlers. Children under 2 years of age may go to the Cherub Corner room, while 2 and 3 year olds may go to the MYF room.

Infant Care: Lavonne Bixler, Sue Byler, Leah Garboden Toddler Care: Lindsy Diener-Locke, Dave & Bev Krabill, Susan Garboden

Nurture Hour

Sunday school begins at 11:00 a.m. and ends at 12:00 p.m. First enjoy a time of fellowship after the worship service.

- INFANTS & TODDLERS (ages 0-2) Cherub corner
- PRESCHOOL I (age 3) Joyful class
- PRESCHOOL II (ages 4-5) Forgiveness class
- PRIMARY (grade 1-2) Peaceful class
- MIDDLER (grade 3-5) Gentleness class
- JUNIOR YOUTH JYF (grades 6-8) off Jubilee Hall
- HIGH SCHOOL MYF (grades 9-12) off Jubilee Hall
- COLLEGE Library
- ADULTS
 - Better than a Donut end of hallway
 - Live Your Call: Women's Bible Study off Jubilee Hall
 - Sermon Response off Jubilee Hall
 - Sojourners (30s and 40s) Sanctuary
 - Women Tending Our Souls Office

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