

# First Mennonite Church of Richmond

## WORSHIP SERVICE

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### WELCOME AS GOD'S CHILDREN

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Worship Leader David Bartow  
Music Leader Christine Suders & Tina Eshleman  
Prelude Choir

### GATHERING

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Welcome  
Call to Worship Jeremiah 33:14-16

### Lighting the Advent Wreath –Ben Reinford

Hymn "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" **HWB** 178  
Hymn "Oh, how shall I receive thee" **HWB** 182

### LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

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Advent Prayer

*God of such infinite tenderness and constant faithfulness, you  
give us longer nights, a gentle chill and this special time of  
advent. A time of...  
waiting and hoping,  
longing and dreaming.  
Like pregnant Mary, we feel something stir within us...  
a sense of wonder at the starlit sky,  
a feeling of love for our families,  
a twinge of joy as we find the gift that expresses our deepest  
appreciation,  
a little panic as we recall all that is to be done,  
a sudden stillness when we see your divine Presence.  
O God, help us be attentive to the rise of hope within us,  
bidding us to action. Amen.*

Children's Time Edie Holsopple  
Hymn "Praise the One" **STS** 1  
Scripture Mathew 1:1-17  
Sermon "Jesus Scandalous Family Tree"

Pastor Ryan Ahlgrim

*Silent Reflection*

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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Hymn "Here I am, Lord" **HWB** 395  
Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer Ryan Ahlgrim

Offering  
Offertory "Lo, How a Rose e'er Blooming" (Choir) **HWB** 211

### SENDING

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Sending Song "Sizohamba" **STJ** 78  
Benediction