

# First Mennonite Church of Richmond

## WORSHIP SERVICE

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### WELCOME AS GOD'S CHILDREN

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Worship Leader Joel & Val Reinford

Music Leaders Praise Team

### GATHERING

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Song "Even so come"

Song "Love came down at Christmas"

Call to Worship Micah 5:2-5a

### Lighting the Advent Wreath – Fergusons

Hymn "Oh, how joyfully" **HWB 209**

*Nativity Processional*

Hymn "O come all ye faithful" **HWB 212**

### LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

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Responsive Reading

*Leader:* It's not easy to wait patiently.

**People:** Sometimes we get impatient and give up on waiting.

*Leader:* It's not easy to wait hopefully.

**People:** Sometimes we lose hope, and settle for enduring sadly.

*Leader:* Jesus doesn't promise us "easy."

**People:** Jesus promises us the help of His Spirit!

**ALL:** Lord, we wait for You together.

By Your Holy Spirit give us strength to wait together  
with patience, with hope, and with excitement!

Children's Time Edie Holsopple

Hymn "Gloria" **HWB 204**

Scripture Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon "Joseph's Dream" Pastor Ryan Ahlgrim

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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*Silent Reflection*

Hymn "To us a child of hope is born" **HWB 189**

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer Ryan Ahlgrim

Offering

Offertory "Noel"

### SENDING

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Sending song "Soon and very soon" **HWB 611**

Benediction