

John 1:14

*New Year's Day: Church Bells*

Isaiah 60:1-4a, 5a, 6b

**Hymn** - Joy to the World

Music – Marilyn Houser Hamm

Readers – Susie Fisher, Erika Enns Rodine

Featured Artwork *Nativity* (2006) by Brian Kershisnik

Featured Poems by Malcolm Guite, from *Sounding the Seasons:  
Seventy Sonnets for the Christian Year* (2012: Canterbury Press).



**Lessons, Poems and Carols for Christmas Eve  
December 24, 2023, 6:30 pm  
Altona Mennonite Church**

## Lessons, Poems and Carols for Christmas Eve

### *Overture: Awaiting the Light of the World*

*O Emmanuel*

**Hymn - VT 210**      *O Come, O Come, Immanuel (verses 1,3,4,6,7)*

*On the edge*

John 1:1-5

*O Sapientia*

**Hymn – STJ 116**      *O, Joyous Light of Glory*

Psalm 80:1-3, 7-11, 14-15, 17-19

*O Radix*

**Hymn – VT 216**      *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming (verses 1 & 2)*

### ***Prophetic Announcements***

Jeremiah 33:14-16

*O Clavis*

Isaiah 9:1-7

**Hymn – VT 259**      *To Us a Child of Hope is Born*

Isaiah 11:1-10

*O Rex Gentium*

Micah 5:2-5a

**Hymn – VT 245**      *O Little Town of Bethlehem (verse 1 only)*

John 1:6-10

*St John's eve*

**Hymn – VT 245**      *O Little Town of Bethlehem (verse 2)*

### ***Mary & Gabriel***

Luke 1:26-35, 38

*The Visitation*

**Hymn – VT 221**      *The Angel Gabriel Called Mary Blessed (vs 1)*

Mary's Magnificat - Luke 1:46-55

*Mary*

### ***Birth of Jesus***

Luke 2:1-7

**Hymn – VT 264**      *Still, Still, Still*

**Hymn – VT 251**      *There Were Angels Hovering Round*

Luke 2:8-14

*Refugee*

**Hymn – VT 249**      *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Luke 2:15-20

**Hymn – VT 251**      *There Were Angels Hovering Round (humming)*

Matthew 2:1-11

*The Magi*

**Hymn – VT 250**      *The First Noel, the Angel Did Say (verses 1 & 2)*

### ***Reprise: Celebrating the Light of the World***

#### ***Candle Lighting***

**Hymn – Silent Night**