



Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship

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Advent 1

Inviting the Mystery

Prelude: *A time to quiet your spirit in preparation for worship*

Gathering Song: *To us a Child of hope is born* blue, 189

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord;

People: *let us learn God's ways.*

Leader: God's instruction goes out from Zion;

People: *God's word from Jerusalem.*

Leader: Let us awake to hope:

People: *the salvation of our God is near.*

All: *O, the mystery of God's dwelling in our present!*

Song: *God is here among us* blue, 16

Choir: *Joyful is the Dark*

Engaging the Mystery

Dramatic Reading Wenger Family

Scripture: Romans 13:11-14

Confession and Lighting of the Advent Candles Adcock Family

Leader: The first Advent candle is the candle of hope.

People: *In this light, we receive forgiveness,
knowing that God dwells with us in the present.*

Song: *Will the Children?* insert

Children's Time

*In your sickness, your suffering, your trials and pain, God is with
you all the time.*

Scripture: Isaiah 2:1-5

Silence

Song: *View the present* purple, 108

Celebrating the Mystery

Sermon: *Wash Yourselves* Dan Schrock

Response Action: Ritual of handwashing

*Leader: In this season of mystery and longing, we recognize our
need for a Savior.*

People: *We open ourselves to the Christ child, who longs to dwell with
us.*

All: *Come, Christ Jesus, and dwell with us! Amen.*

Offering

Choir: *O God of mystery and might*

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Choir: *Come! Walk in the light*

Benediction

Leader: Waken now to the establishment of God's dwelling!

People: *For the sake of the house of the Lord, we will seek the good.*

All: *In the mystery of God's dwelling in the present, there is hope!*

Transition to Fellowship, Christian Education, and Mission

Welcome and Introduction of Visitors

(Please pass the friendship registers)

Announcements

Closing Prayer

Please join us for coffee and tea in the fellowship hall.

Worship Participants:

Worship Leader: Marilyn Rudy-Froese

Song Leader: Paul Leichty

Accompanist: Deb Brubaker

Prelude/Offertory: Rafael and Anita Barahona/Advent Choir

Congregational Prayer: Doug Baker

Nursery: Diane Beam and Jim Alvarez

Ushers: Missy & John Schrock

AV Operator: Matthew Williams

Visuals: Lana Smucker

Childcare is available during worship for infants & toddlers (Ages 0-3).

Nurture Hour

Begins ten minutes after worship. First enjoy a time of fellowship after the worship service.

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