



Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship

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Advent 3: O the Mystery of God's Dwelling in Transformation

Inviting the Mystery

Prelude: *A time to quiet your spirit in preparation for worship*
Gathering Song: *Joyful is the Dark vs. 1, 2, 3, 5* blue, 233
Prayer of Invocation
Call to Worship
Leader: Be patient, beloved, until the coming of the Lord.
People: *Let us awake to love!*
Leader: Strengthen your hearts, for the Lord is near.
People: *We will not grumble against one another.*
Leader: Come, rejoice in God our Savior:
All: *O, the mystery of God's dwelling in transformation!*
Songs: *Hark! The glad sound!* blue, 84
The angel Gabriel blue, 180

Engaging the Mystery

Dramatic Reading Hostetler Family
Scripture: Isaiah 35:1-10 Bakers and Grandchildren
Confession and Lighting of the Advent Candles
Leader: The third Advent candle is the candle of love
People: *In this light, we receive forgiveness,*
knowing that God dwells in the midst of transformation.
Song: *Will the Children?* insert
Children's Time Mark Yoder
In your sickness, your sufferings, your trials and pains, God is with you
all the time. Persecution, temptation and loneliness, God is with you
all the time.
Scripture: Luke 1:39-56 Anne Berry and Beth Berry
Silence
Song: *My soul is filled with joy* green, 13

Celebrating the Mystery

Sermon: *Waiting at the door with Elizabeth and Mary* Allan Rudy-Froese
Song: *Oh, how shall I receive thee* blue, 182
Offering

Choir: *Sing we a song of high revolt*
Love came down at Christmas
Sharing and Congregational Prayer and Candlelighting
Song: *Come! Walk in the light* purple, 10
Benediction
Leader: Go and tell what you hear and see!
People: *God's redeeming power transforms all that is broken.*
All: *In the mystery of God's transformation, there is love!*

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: Sherm Kauffman
Song Leader: Terri Brenneman and the Music Team
Accompanist: Lane Miller
Prelude/Offertory: Jenny Hooley/Advent Choir
Congregational Prayer: Laura Horst
Dramatic Reading: Eric, Lavonn, Corey and Carissa Hostetler
Lighting of the Advent Candles: Doug and Cindy Baker, and
grandchildren Jaiden, Isaac and Ava
Nursery: Trish & James Yoder
Ushers: Bob & Lorraine Pflederer
AV Operator: Matthew Williams
Visuals: Lana Smucker

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

Nurture Hour

Sunday school will begin at 11:00 a.m. and end at 12:00 p.m. unless otherwise announced in worship. First enjoy a time of fellowship after the worship service.

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