



Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship

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Christmas Eve Service

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

Welcome

Prayer of Invocation

Song: *Come, thou long expected* blue, 178

A light shines in the darkness Isaiah 9:2-7

Lighting of the Christ Candle

*Here is good news of great joy, for all people:
God has rescued us from the domain of darkness,
and brought us into the realm of Christ,
in whom our release is secured, and our sins are forgiven.
The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has never captured it.*

(Lighting of the Christ candle)

*Let us pray that we may know the warmth and brightness of Jesus
Christ, and show Christ's love to the world.*

(Silent prayers)

***Risen Christ, light of the world,
Shine in our lives and shine among us now.
Hallelujah! Amen!***

Songs: *Come and be light for our eyes* green, 5
Hope is a candle purple, 15

Gabriel appears to Mary Luke 1:26-42

Song: *The angel Gabriel* blue, 180

The Angel appears to Joseph Matthew 1:18-24

Song: *O come, O come, Immanuel* blue, 172

Mary rejoices

Song: *My soul proclaims with wonder* blue, 181

Jesus is born Luke 2:1-7

Song: *O Holy Night* Terri Brenneman and Morgan Short

Angels appear to the shepherds Luke 2:8-20

Song: *Angels we have heard on high* blue, 197

Affirmation of faith

*The reign of Christ comes not by conquest, domination and manipulation,
but by gracious love, gladly given, and willingly received.*

*The reign of Christ comes near wherever people covenant together
and say:*

Christ, we are your body: live in our hearts.

Christ, we are your people: govern our lives.

Christ, we are your witnesses: send us out in your name!

Songs: *Alleluia* purple, 24
To us a child blue, 189

The Word of God becomes flesh and dwells with us John 1:1-14

Songs: *Helpless and hungry / What child is this* purple 26 / blue, 215

Blessing

*The Word became flesh and was at home among us;
and we saw the Word's glory, full of grace and truth.*

Go in peace, with the light of Christ shining in you.

May the love that made the stars, be your guiding light.

May the love revealed in Jesus be your hope and inspiration;

and may the love of the ever-present Spirit,

give you courage, joy and hope, now and forever. Amen.

Song: *Joy to the World* (v. 1), blue 318

Worship Participants:

Worship Leaders: Dan Schrock, Marilyn Rudy-Froese, Lois Mast

Song Leader: Terri Brenneman, Greg Smucker, Morgan Short

Accompanist: Patsy Sherer and the Music Team

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