

Dare to imagine God's robe!

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December 26, 2021 – Fifth Sunday of Advent

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Worship 10 a.m.

Deb Barry & William Troyer, Caring Team

Welcome to all visitors! May you feel at ease with us and sense the presence of God.

We follow Christ, offering healing and hope as we serve our neighbors in need.

Prelude

Welcome and Lighting of the Advent Candle

Candle Litany

Leader: We light the Christ candle
and we welcome new life.

People: **Hurry, hurry, sing the glory!**
Imagine that . . . we are God's wonders, blessed wonders.

Call to Worship

(adapted from Psalm 148 for two readers)

Opening Song Angels We Have Heard on High VT#249

Song Solemn Stillness, Weary Streets VT # 276

Prayer of Confession

God, we bring our brokenness to you—
our bodies, minds, relationships.

We trust you, the source of wholeness and miracles,
to take our fragments, jagged edges, and pain.

Bring healing and forgiveness in ways we cannot imagine.

Restore the joy of our salvation
as only you can do.

Assurance

(Voices Together 909)

God forgives you.

Forgive others.

Forgive yourself.

(silence)

Be at peace.

Scripture: Luke 2: 41-52 Christine Nafziger

Sermon: "Lost and Found" Patrick Nafziger

Song of Response: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus VT # 218 (HWB # 178)

Sharing Joys and Concerns Christine Nafziger

Congregational Prayer

Call to Intercession

We pray to you, Lord;

our prayer rises with the sun.

At dawn we plead our case and watch for you.

God of our salvation, all our longing is known to you,

our sighing is not hidden from you.

In your mercy,

Lord, hear our prayer.

You comfort your people. We pray for ourselves and those dear to us.

(open prayers)

In your mercy,

Lord, hear our prayer.

Your reign draws near. We pray for our community and for our neighbors.

(open prayers)

In your mercy,

Lord, hear our prayer.

You come to us with the good news of peace.

We pray for the church in all places, that we may be one.

(open prayers)

In your mercy,

Lord, hear our prayer.

Your salvation reaches to the ends of the earth.

We pray for the world, that your reign may come
and your will be done on earth.

(open prayers)

In your mercy,

Lord, hear our prayer.

We offer you other concerns we carry in our hearts.

(open prayers)

In your mercy,

Lord, hear our prayer.

Incarnate God,

holding tenderly all things human,

you became one of us.

Lighten our hearts with Mary's vision of your just mercy,

that we may be gentled into joining you in the hard and holy work
of releasing peace on earth.

In Jesus' name we pray:

Our Father... (using sins/those who sin against us)

Offering

Announcements/Welcome of Visitors & Virtual Attendees

Closing Song Hark! The Herald Angels Sing VT# 247 (HWB # 201)

Sending Blessing/Benediction: Christine Nafziger

Solemn Stillness, Weary Streets

Solemn Stillness, Weary Streets strain to grasp the sound.
In the quiet breathes an anthem over dark and thorny ground.
Rocks and plains repeat the echo; splendor floods the starlit morn.
We are wonders, blessed wonders, singing joy to the world.

We are shepherds in the fields, watching in the night.
We are mortals, we are bearers, searching for a perfect light.
Hurry, hurry! Sing the glory! Bring the gold and bitter myrrh
of our carols: Hallelujah! Singing Joy to the world.

Refrain:

Halleluhah! Hallelujah! Joy to the world!
We are wonders, blessed wonders, singing joy to the world.

Crushing fears are met with joy' sorrow's curse is torn.
Hear the music, fling your load down, and unbend your tired form.
These bright hours circle round us, let the gentle wings unfurl.
Swift and sweetly down the roadside, singing joy to the world.

(Repeat Refrain).

LAST WEEK:

Attendance: 35

General Offering: \$895

\$1,989 needed weekly to meet spending plan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark and Kathy had a very good follow up with the neurologist from Cleveland Clinic. I am sure the prayers have helped in mighty ways to the Glory of God and a new reminder of Gods Grace.

Thank you very much for all the Christmas gifts given to Zoe and Hunter. - Cheryl

MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK PRAYER REQUEST: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Linda Beachy, who is in the middle of her year-long SOOP assignment at the Navajo Brethren in Christ Mission in Bloomfield, New Mexico.

December Birthdays:

- Pam Zook, December 3
- Jacob, December 23
- Mona Rohrer, December 25
- Hazel Boyle, December 31